



The People of God in Worship
March 10, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Season of Lent

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse and Sarah Raessler

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Prayer of Thomas Merton) (remain seated)

Sarah Raessler

Leader: My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.

People: I do not see the road ahead of me.

Leader: I cannot know for certain where it will end.

People: Nor do I really know myself.

Leader: And the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

People: But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

Leader: And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

All: I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 143

This Is My Father's World

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Deborah Raessler and The Community

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: **And also with you!**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:1-8

Deborah Raessler

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7-12

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ANTHEM

The Lamb of God

Twila Paris

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING
PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 11 (remain seated)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Prone to Wander

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 682**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

Peter Lutkin

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Copies of last week's sermon and the prayer list are in the narthex.

*The beautiful flowers in the worship room today
are given by Gus Lamond in loving memory of Martha Showalter.*

Offertory Emphasis

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For the saints who have come before us, who wandered through a life of faith the way we must wander, and who light the path for us, we give thanks. For the saints among us, who guide us around the blind corners, and who hold the torch for us, we give thanks. We offer these gifts in gratitude for and in honor of those who have led our way.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you that we do not walk the path alone. We give thanks for all of those who have shared the pathway with us, those who came before and cleared the path, those who walk along beside us, and those who follow after. May what we give and how we give honor them. Amen.