



The People of God in Worship
March 24, 2019
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Season of Lent

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsse

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 (choir process) (verse 2)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger bo't me with His precious blood.*

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 18:13-19

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: A Word from God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 8**

Come, Thou Almighty King

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Nancy Sale 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 SECOND READING

Jonah 4

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Mozart/arr. R. Robinson

LITANY OF CONFESSION AND TRANSPARENCY

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: Lord, we are not perfect.

People: **Help us to acknowledge our imperfections.**

Leader: Lord, we have been silent.

People: **Help us to be honest, with kindness.**

Leader: Lord, we have been secretive; we have used our secrets against each other.

People: **Help us to open ourselves to each other, to trust each other, and build each other up.**

Leader: Lord, your eyes see all we are; you look at us with loving, parent eyes.

People: **Help us to see each other with your eyes, loving ourselves enough to speak truth, loving each other enough to speak kindly.**

Leader: Lord, you would forgive us and make us whole.

All: **Help us to seek wholeness, and to accept it from you when you offer it.**

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

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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. 175 (remain seated)

O Lord, Our Lord

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Offertory Anthem

Speak, O Lord

Keith and Kristen Getty

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Wand'ring from the Fold

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. 52**

Blessed Be the Name

***THE BENEDICTION**

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***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen

Peter Lutkin

***THE POSTLUDE**

- * 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.

Offertory Emphasis

The season of Lent is a season for wandering. As we come to offer our gifts, we come grateful for the space this community gives us to wander. We are grateful for the ways each person in this community offers grace and peace and welcome; we are grateful for the ways each person in this community offers challenge and questions and new perspectives. We give in gratitude for a community of people who welcome us back when we have strayed, who encourage us along the journeys we must take, and who walk beside us along the way.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the gift of community. Help us to be grateful both for the welcome and acceptance of this community, and for the challenges we offer each other. Amen.