



*The People of God in Worship*  
*March 3, 2019*  
*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Season of Epiphany*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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** (from Luke 6) (remain seated)

Mr. Monty Kearse

Leader: Jesus said, Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God belongs to them.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Leader: Jesus said, Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.  
People: **Christ, have mercy.**  
Leader: Jesus said, Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied.  
People: **Lord, have mercy.**  
Leader: Jesus said, Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.  
People: **Christ, have mercy.**  
Leader: Lord, Help us to hunger for righteousness,  
People: **Help us to do justice and love mercy,**  
All: **For we would be your people, and we would live in your kingdom in peace.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 52**

*Blessed Be the Name*

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Monty Kears 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. Kears

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Luke 6:17-23

Mr. Monty Kears

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Luke 6:24-26

Mr. Monty Kears

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

*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. 509 (remain seated)**

*He Lifted Me*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Monty Kears

Offertory Anthem

*Lay Up Your Treasurers In Heaven*

Pepper Choplin

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Whoa*

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

Tom Willman, Leslie Willman, & The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

## 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. 665

*O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

\*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

\*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.

*Special thanks to the following who helped this past week with the Rivermont Food Pantry.*

*Cheryle Angell, Susan Epling, Susan Luce, Sarah Raessler, Deborah Raessler,  
Susan Spencer, Sharon Whitesell, and Leslie Willman*

*A special thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers  
after the loss of my niece, Promise Whitley.  
Sharon Whitesell*

### Offertory Emphasis

We come to our offering today remembering our baptism. We remember the choices we have made to turn our face to the Kingdom of God. We acknowledge the many blessings of being children of God, and we give our offerings in gratitude that we have been well loved, well taught, well nurtured and protected by people of faith, and by institutions of faith. We give, honoring the teachers of our past, our present, and our future, and grateful for the care of community around us.

Please join me in Prayer:

*Lord, may we remember today all those who have nurtured our lives, and nurtured our faith. We thank you for the opportunities to learn, the opportunities to choose, the freedom to decide for ourselves to be your people. We thank you for all that has made those things possible and give today in honor of them all. Amen.*