



*The People of God in Worship*  
*April 21, 2019*  
*Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

*Easter Sunday*

**EASTER GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

**THE PRELUDE**

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

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (choir process)

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!*

*Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:*

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;*

*Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.*

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Parks Snead 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.*

**LITANY OF THE PSALM**—from Psalm 18

Mr. Parks Snead

Leader: The Lord lives  
People: **and blessed be my rock,**  
Leader: and let the God of my salvation be exalted!  
People: **The God who rescued me has delivered me from violence.**  
Leader: For I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations,  
People: **and sing your name!**  
Leader: God brings great salvation,  
All: **and shows steadfast love to each of us forever.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 367**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

**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 SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:1-18

Mr. Parks Snead

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. 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. 87** (remain seated)

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer Mr. Parks Snead  
Offertory Anthem *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Larry Shackley  
\*Doxology - No. 815 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

*Bind My Wand'ring Heart*

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Community

All are invited to come forward to receive bread and the cup.

## 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. 45

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### \*THE BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

### \*THE CHORAL RESPONSE

*Hallelujah*  
from *The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

### \*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.

#### Offertory Emphasis

Our journey of Lent has brought us, at last, to Easter. We give today, rejoicing in a God of resurrection, a God who is at work, all the time, to remove from us that which is dead, and to tend to the beautiful, the creative, the divine, in each one of us. We give, following the command to love God with all of our heart, mind, and strength.

Please join me in prayer:

*Lord, thank you for the gift of resurrection. Thank you for the witness of resurrection in the world, and for the ways you enact resurrection in our lives all the time. Amen.*