



The People of God in Worship

April 28, 2019

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

The Second Sunday of Easter

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God, in his holy house of worship,

People: praise him under the open skies;

Leader: praise him for his acts of power,

People: praise him for his magnificent greatness;

Leader: praise him with a blast on the trumpet,

People: praise him by strumming soft strings;

Leader: praise him with castanets and dance,

People: praise him with banjo and flutes;

Leader: praise him with cymbals and a big bass drum,

People: praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

All: LET EVERY LIVING, BREATHING CREATURE PRAISE GOD!

HALLELUJAH!

(Psalm 150, The Message)

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse & 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 GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kearse

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 63**

All Creatures of Our God and King

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dwight Mays

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

THE REVELATION OF JOHN

John 1:4-8

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

ANTHEM

Great Is The Lord

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CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING

PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dwight Mays

*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. 390 (remain seated) *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Offertory

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Looking at Death Through Resurrection Eyes

The Rev. Dwight Mays

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.

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Hallelujah (excerpt)
The Messiah*

G. F. Handel

***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.

*The beautiful flowers in the worship room today are given by Susan Epling
in loving memory of her mother and father,
Mary BonDurant Epling (4/27/1988) and Raymond Wilson Epling (5/26/2002).
They were both founding members of Peakland Baptist Church.*

Offertory Emphasis

This first Sunday after Easter, we celebrate together the joy of being Easter people. We celebrate our times to laugh together, to sing together, to make joyful noise together as Easter people. We give in gratitude for the joy of our faith.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the joy of the Easter season. For the beauty of the world, which reminds us, every day, that you are a God of resurrection, we give thanks. And for the joy of this people, who are resurrection people, we give thanks. Amen.