



The People of God in Worship

April 7, 2019

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Season of Lent

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!

MOMENT FOR SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

THE PRELUDE

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

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

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise God's name--I'm fixed upon it—name of God's redeeming love.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 355**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Clif Potter 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 - Litany of the Psalm (from Psalm 18)

Dr. Bundy Potter

Leader: I love you, O Lord, my strength.
People: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
Leader: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
People: My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
Leader: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
People: And I am saved from my enemies.
Leader: With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
People: With the blameless you show yourself blameless;
Leader: For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.
People: For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.
Leader: This God—his way is perfect, the word of the Lord proves true;
All: He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

THE SECOND READING

1 Kings 18:20-39

Dr. Bundy Potter

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

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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. 349 (remain seated)

O How He Loves You and Me

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer
Offertory Anthem
*Doxology - No. 815

Spirit of God

Dr. Clif Potter
arr. Joseph M. Martin
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Flaming Tongues Above

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Dr. Clif Potter & 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. 349 (first verse only)**

O How He Loves You and Me

***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.

Offertory Emphasis

Look around you. Look to your left and right. Look in front and behind. Every person in this room is wandering. Every person is holding up a weight that the rest of us cannot know. As we make our offerings, we give so that those around us can receive love and support from this community. We give so that each of us can receive love and support from this community. We give, understanding that God is at work, and that we can support that work in ways which nurture us, and which nurture those around us whose needs we cannot know.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, you are here with us. You are our strength and shield. You hold us up, each one, in ways beyond our understanding. We give today acknowledging that in giving we become part of something more than we can understand. Amen.