



The People of God in Worship

May 26th, 2019

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**

Dr. Jackie Asbury

Leader: "May God be gracious to us and bless us; may the face of God shine upon us!"

People: "That your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations."

Leader: "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

People: "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth."

Leader: "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you."

People: "The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us."

ALL: **MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS US; LET ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH REVERE GOD.**

(from Psalm 67)

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 93**

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Dr. Jackie Asbury
& 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 GOSPEL READING

John 5:1-9

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 11:1-18

Dr. Jackie Asbury

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

With A Voice Of Singing

by Martin Shaw

**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. 606

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory Music

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Cutting Back the Kudzu

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 (Printed)**

Immigrants

***THE BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

A Celtic Blessing

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCES

We light candles for those who have lost their lives in service to our country.

We light candles for those who have lost someone they love who was in service to our country.

We light candles for the victims of war.

We light candles and pray for peace; we pray for the wisdom to recognize the paths of peace, and for the courage to follow the paths of peace.

We invite anyone who wishes to come forward to light a candle in honor of any of these prayers, in honor of anyone they have loved.

*THE POSTLUDE

Allan Heer

Offertory Emphasis\ Missions Moment

Brook Hill Farm

Georgia Willis Fauber — Brook Hill Farm Head Cheerleader

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we are grateful for the ways you work in our world. Thank you for the things you do, which we cannot; thank you for the ways you invite us in to do what we can. We offer these gifts as part of what we can do in the world. Amen

