



The People of God in Worship
July 21st, 2019
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

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 Psalm 131 (remain seated)

Nancy Sale

Leader: My heart is not proud, Lord;

People: my eyes are not arrogant.

Leader: I do not concern myself with great matters

People: or things too wonderful for me.

Leader: But I have calmed and quieted myself.

People: I am like a child with my mother; like a well-loved child, I am content.

Leader: Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

ALL: both now and forevermore.

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 56**

To God Be the Glory

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Nancy Sale & 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**

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Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: And also with you!

THE FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 16:6-10

Nancy Sale

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 4:1-16

Nancy Sale

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 PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. Where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

***HYMN No. 429**

They'll Know We Are Christians

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Nancy Sale

Offertory Music

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology - No. 815

Duet by Amy Ray & Bonnie Benedict

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Bridging Troubled Waters

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***HYMN No. 415**

We Are Called to Be God's People

***THE BENEDICTION**

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***THE POSTLUDE**

Allan Heer

The flowers generously given last week, by Gus Lamond, were to honor a dear friend and member of our church Martha Showalter on her birthday.

I apologize for my inaccuracy. Sincerely, Nicole Zulauf

Offertory Emphasis\ Missions Moment:

We live in a culture of scarcity, in which we are constantly told that there is not enough for everyone, so we must fight for what is ours. Our faith teaches us a theology of abundance, particularly regarding food. Our partnership with the Rivermont Food Pantry is one way we practice a theology of abundance, believing that is our task to make sure, to the best of our ability, that good food is shared with everyone who needs it.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, thank you for the abundance in which we truly live. Thank you for the fruits and vegetables of summer and for the ways you invite us to share good food with others. Amen.