



The People of God in Worship
July 28th, 2019
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha 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 from Psalm 61 (remain seated)

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Leader: Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer!

People: **From the ends of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint.**

Leader: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,

People: **for you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.**

Leader: Let me dwell in your tent forever!

People: **Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings.**

Leader: So will I ever sing praises to your name,

ALL: **so will I sing your praise.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 68**

We Praise Thee O God

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Dr. Tony Brooks

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

O for a Thousand Tongues

Thomas Jarman arr. Duane L. Ream
Christi Salisbury

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25 14-30

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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. 428In Christ There Is No East or West***THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kears

Offertory Music

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp arr. Duane L. Ream

Christi Salisbury

*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***THE MESSAGE***Groundhog Day*

Dr. Tony Brooks

HYMN No. 690He Leadeth Me****THE BENEDICTION**

Dr. Tony Brooks

***THE POSTLUDE**

Allan Heer

Offertory Emphasis\ Missions Moment:

Our faith is a table fellowship faith. As is true for most world religions, much of our theology is centered around food. Through the Rivermont Area Pantry, Daily Bread, Food for Thought, and many other organizations, we practice table fellowship by sharing food with others.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, we are grateful for the many stories which show people sharing food and drink together. We thank you for the abundant food you have given us. And we thank you for the ways you allow us to be part of your generosity, enabling us to share table fellowship with others.

