



The People of God in Worship

July 7, 2019

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

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 (from Psalm 30) (remain seated)

Buddy Daniel

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord,
People: for you have held me up.
Leader: You have not let my enemies rejoice over my failures.
People: I cried to you for help, and you healed me.
Leader: By your favor, O Lord,
People: you made my mountain stand strong.
Leader: You turned my mourning into dancing,
People: you removed my veil of grief and clothed me in gladness.
Leader: Let me sing your praises and not be silent,
ALL: O, Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

***HYMN OF PRAISE No. 34**

He Is Lord

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Buddy Daniel

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.

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 12:6-19

Buddy Daniel

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 3:13-18

Buddy Daniel

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People: Thanks be to God!

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY,
THE MORNING PRAYER, 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.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN No. 460 (remain seated)

Let Us Break Bread Together

THE GIFTS

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

Buddy Daniel
Allan Heer
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Nevertheless, She Kept Persisting

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THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!
Reply: **And also with you!**

***THE BENEDICTION**

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***THE POSTLUDE**

Sacred Conversations

Prayer – Amy Ray, Moderator

Questions for Today:

How do we listen to each other? How do we learn to ask for what we need and to pursue what we know is right?
What risks are worth taking?

Offertory Emphasis/Missions Moment

On our last Sunday to emphasize the new Freedom School here in Lynchburg, we give thanks for the weeks that have passed. We give thanks for parents and scholars, for administrators and interns, for volunteers and donors, for a wonderful venue and a supportive staff there. We give thanks for visionaries, who saw the possibility of something wonderful for our city, who had the skills to bring it to amazing life. And we thank you for our chance to be part of this good work.

Please join me in prayer:

Lord, you work miracles in our world. Often, you do so through our hands. We thank you for those who listened to the voice that called for a Freedom School here, for their hard and dedicated work, and for the miracle of its existence. Thank you for bringing us in to your miracles. Amen.

