



*The People of God in Worship*  
*January 12th, 2020*  
*Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

*Deacon Ordination Sunday*

**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 (Isaiah 61)**

Parks Snead

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

**People: because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.**

Leader: God has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,

**People: to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.**

Leader: But you shall be called the priests of the Lord; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God.

**People: For the Lord loves justice...**

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

**ALL: Who has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Parks Snead & 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.*

**\*HYMN No. 225**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Reply: And also with you!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 61:6-9

Parks Snead

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 10:1-16

Parks Snead

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

Peakland Choir

## 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.*

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN

*Take, O Take Me As I Am*

*Take, O take me as I am*

*Summon all that I shall be*

*Set a seal upon my heart and live in me*

## THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Parks Snead

Offertory Music

Peakland Choir

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## THE MESSAGE

Sent

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

## DEACON ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Deacons to be ordained will come forward and be seated, facing the congregation.

Ushers will call rows forward for the laying on of hands—the line will go from the left side, facing the front of the church, to the right side. Congregants, please exit into the center aisle, go to the back of the church and come up the left aisle. **If you have mobility issues, come forward on the center aisle and ushers will help you into the line.** As you pass behind each new deacon, you may lay your hands on their shoulders and offer a blessing, either aloud or in silent prayer

## \*HYMN No. 589

*Here I Am, Lord*

## \*THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Peakland Choir

### Stewardship Emphasis:

As a church community, we know that each of us must carry our piece of the responsibility for making the work of our church happen. We are grateful, today, for each person who has stepped forward to carry their piece: for those who have taken leadership positions, for those who volunteer to work, for those who lead in worship, for those who, today, will be ordained for the work of the care of our people, we are grateful. We give in gratitude for the gifts and work of each person here.

### Prayer:

*Lord, we are your people. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us, and for the gift of offering our own hands for your work. Amen.*

