



The People of God in Worship
February 2nd, 2020
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

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 (I Corinthians 13)**

Sarah Raessler

Leader: If I am amazing at everything I do, but I do not show love,

People: I am as annoying as cymbals at a tea party.

Leader: If I am wise beyond my years, knowledgeable about everything around me, but I do not show love,

People: all my knowledge is useless.

Leader: If I am a person of extraordinary faith, understanding mysteries beyond all my teachers, moving mountains and walking through fire, but I do not show love,

People: I have gained nothing.

Leader: Love looks at others with softer eyes,

People: forgiving without being asked, waiting patiently, taking the sides of others.

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

ALL: Love never fails.

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI** Deborah Raessler &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. 92**

O How I Love Jesus

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:1-8

Sarah Raessler

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 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.*

***HYMN No. 461**

In Remembrance

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Deborah Raessler

Offertory Music *Down to the River to Pray*

arr. by McDonald

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Rise

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Deborah Raessler & 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.

*HYMN No. 90

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Peakland Choir

Stewardship Emphasis:

One of our partners in ministry here in Lynchburg is Churches for Urban Ministry, our offertory focus for this month. Churches for Urban Ministry is a coalition of churches and organizations in the Lynchburg area whose mission is to empower families and our community through service, and by sharing God's love. We are glad to be able to partner with Churches for Urban Ministry in their good work in our city.

Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the good work of Churches for Urban Ministry as they help families, tutor children, supply food, and offer comfort to those in need. Thank you for our ability to help them do this work. Amen.

