



The People of God in Worship
February 16th, 2020

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Seventh 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 (Psalm 77)**

Jim Patterson

Leader: I cry aloud to God,

People: aloud to God, and God will hear me.

Leader: In the day of my trouble, I seek the Lord;

People: in the night my hand is stretched out; my soul refuses to be comforted.

Leader: You hold my eyelids open,

People: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

Leader: You are the God who works wonders;

People: You have made known your might among the peoples.

All: You have led your people like a flock; you have rescued us.

***THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI** Jim Patterson & 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. 21**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Bala Dandapani

Litany of Baptism

Leader: Bala Dandapani, do you come to us today requesting membership, to be welcomed as one with our community?

Bala: I do.

Leader: People of Peakland Baptist Church, do you welcome Bala as brother, pledging to walk with him on his spiritual journey?

People: We do.

Leader: Bala, you come making a statement of faith. Today, do you accept Jesus Christ as Lord of your life, pledging to walk from this day forward as a follower of Christ?

Bala: I do.

Leader: Then I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Jim Patterson

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: And also with you!

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 9:18-26

Jim Patterson

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 12:22-28; 33-37

Jim Patterson

Leader: A Word from God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

arr. by Mary McDonald

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. 467**

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Jim Patterson

Offertory Music

The Tallis Canon

arr. by Wagner

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE

Good Trees

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***HYMN No. 747**

Sunshine in My Soul

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Peakland Choir

Stewardship Emphasis:

For the last 67 years, Camp Timothy—a program of Churches for Urban Ministry—has served as a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for children. Camp Timothy provides five weeks during the summer in which children ages 5-14 can participate in daily worship and Bible study, community service projects, enrichment programs, swimming, the arts, and educational field trips. We support Camp Timothy through our financial support for Churches for Urban Ministry.

Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for all those who give their time, their creativity, their strength and their energy to serve the children of this community during the summer. Thank you for a chance to work with them in this wonderful task. Amen.

