

The People of God in Worship March 14th, 2021 Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Forth Sunday of Lent

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 119:97-104)

Hon. Ed Burnette

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Leader: Lord, we meditate on your word all through our lives;

People: we are made wise as we follow your ways!

Leader: We understand more than all our teachers,

People: for your stories are our meditations:

Leader: we stay away from any evil

People: and do not turn aside from all your rules,

Leader: how sweet are your words to my taste, **People:** sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Leader: Oh, how we love the word of the Lord,

All: we are made wise as we follow your ways!

*THE INVOCATION Hon. Ed Burnette

*HYMN No. 215 When Morning Gilds the Skies

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: And also with you!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:105-112 Hon. Ed Burnette

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

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:17-20 & 6:25-34 Hon. Ed Burnette

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.

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Offertory Moment and Prayer

Hon. Ed Burnette

THE MESSAGE

The Right Clothes

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*HYMN No. 355

There's a Wilderness in God's Mercy

*THE BENEDICTION

Offertory Moment

We give thanks today for the work of Meals on Wheels in our community, with many hands working to prepare, box and deliver meals to hundreds of people in our community every day. We are grateful for the ways they lead in service and for our ability to support this good work.

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The flowers today are given