



The People of God in Worship
March 28th, 2021
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 Proverbs 3)

Susan Epling

Leader: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding;
People: **may our minds and spirits be open to wisdom.**
Leader: Blessed are those who make wisdom their treasure;
People: **may we desire wisdom above all treasures.**
Leader: Blessed are those who cultivate wisdom like a valuable tree;
People: **may we plant and nurture wisdom in all that we say and do.**
Leader: With wisdom, we gain confidence, strength and love;
People: **with wisdom, we judge only ourselves.**
Leader: Blessed are we, the seekers of wisdom;
All: **she is our tree of life!**

***THE INVOCATION**

Susan Epling

***HYMN No. 297**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***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

Proverbs 3:5-18

Susan Epling

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:19-24, 7:1-5

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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.

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Susan Epling

THE MESSAGE

I Can See Clearly Now

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

***HYMN No. 688**

Savior Like a Shepard Lead Us

***THE BENEDICTION**

Offertory Moment
On Palm Sunday, it is good for us to give thanks for what we have been given. We celebrate those who have led us toward wisdom, who have fed and nurtured us, who have loved and protected us. We celebrate our community and all that we mean to each other. We celebrate the life and work of Jesus, our Christ, who showed us the ways of wisdom and love, and we celebrate our God, who is always with us.