



The People of God in Worship
March 7th, 2021

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Third Sunday of Lent

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsse

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**

Rev. Dwight Mays

(Adapted from *Thanks Be To God* by Glen E. Rainsley, The Pilgrim Press: 2005)

Leader: In times of difficulty we can feel as though we dwell in a wilderness place where temptations recur and concerns about self-preservation seem all around us.

People: In these times and always, we call upon our steadfast God.

Leader: In times of personal struggle, we can feel as though we dwell in a wilderness place where material needs present themselves sharply and spiritual resources get depleted.

People: In these time and always, we call upon our steadfast God.

Leader: In times of having no sense of direction, we can feel as though we dwell in a wilderness place where our choices matter little and our destination seems unclear.

People: In these times and always, we call upon our steadfast God.

Leader: It is God who used the wilderness to shape a people of faith and to prepare Jesus for the demanding course of ministry in this world. There is manna for the feast.

People: We place our trust in God's power as we offer here our praise and worship.

***THE INVOCATION**

Rev. Dwight Mays

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. 207**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearsse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Reply: **And also with you!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 1:18-17 Rev. Dwight Mays

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:33-37, 6:5-18 Rev. Dwight Mays

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. 413** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

THE GIFTS

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Rev. Dwight Mays

Offertory Music

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE MESSAGE *The Right Food* The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse & 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. 89** *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*

***THE BENEDICTION**

Offertory Moment
We give thanks to God today for the faithfulness of our community through these difficult months. We give thanks for our ability to give and for the many ways our gifts are put to use for the work of God in the world.

The flowers today are given in celebration of meeting in-person, to worship here at Peakland Baptist Church.