

**First Church in Pembroke**  
**Order of Worship**  
**May 17, 2020**

**Meditation Prayer**

Creator, Parent of all humankind, whose love for all of us was revealed in Jesus Christ, draw us into a relationship of trust in you that will help us day by day to discern more clearly the way, the truth, and the life you intend for us. Help us, in all humility, to follow Jesus, to do the works of Christ without calling attention to ourselves. We long to become the spiritual household of mutually caring people that Jesus sought to model among us. Amen.

**Prelude**      *When We Are Living*

**Announcements**

**Introit**      *How Great Thou Art*

**Call to Worship (responsively)**

L: Gaze into heaven and see the glory of God.

Lift up your eyes to behold the risen Christ.

**C: God is our rock of refuge, a strong fortress.**

**Christ leads us and guides us every day.**

L: Indeed, you have tasted the goodness of God.

You have known the presence of Christ, God's chosen one.

**C: Every day we long for pure spiritual milk.**

**Each day, we are inspired by the living Christ.**

L: Then let us lay our troubles at Christ's feet.

Let us enter the sanctuary God prepares for us.

**C: We have come to find the way, the truth, and the life.**

**We are here to ask and to receive and to serve.**

**Hymn**      *Sanctuary*

**Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

**Open your heavens to us, God of all worlds. We long for the pure spiritual milk you provide so we may grow into salvation. We are your people, sisters and brothers of your Chosen One. Let us this day be built into a spiritual house, a community of your faithful people. Keep us from judging those whose views differ from our own, or from throwing stones at those with whom we disagree. Incline your ear to us and rescue us from ourselves, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Gospel**                      Matthew 6:25-34

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.*

**Sermon**      **Got Stress?**

**Hymn**      *Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory**                      *Give Me Jesus*

**Doxology:**                      **Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below;**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

**We commit ourselves to you, gracious God, as we dedicate material gifts that represent our labor. When we ponder the amazing wonder of life, we are filled with awe. When we remember Jesus as the cornerstone of the spiritual house you are seeking to build in our midst, we are eager to help. Let your face shine on us and on this offering that your mighty acts may be proclaimed to all the world. Amen.**

**A Time of Silent Prayer Pastoral and The Lord's Prayer,**

**Response**                      *I've Got Peace Like a River*

**Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Marching to Zion* and *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

**Coffee Hour Community Sharing**