

Order of Worship
First Church In Pembroke
July 26, 2020 10:00 AM

Prelude *O God Beyond All Praising*

Meditation Prayer

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Announcements

Call to Contemplation *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Call to Worship - (responsively) From Psalm 146; The Grail; © 1963, 1993

One: It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to the oppressed.

All: It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

One: It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan.

**All: It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. I will
praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.**

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful*

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Loving God, I need courage, and humility, to stay faithful to Your purpose; to give my best, not
for my own sake, but for Yours – and that of those you love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading **Mark 12:38-43**

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be
greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and
places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say
long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.
Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins,
which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this
poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them
have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she
had, all she had to live on."

Sermon *Mark: The System is Down* Rev. Eric Greer

Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Offertory Invitation

Offertory *Faith*

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)

You, O God, feel no shame, fear no harm as you walk among the poorest and weakest feeling
completely at home. Thank you for the voice of your love that keeps singing of the power in
weakness, the wealth in simplicity, and the freedom and safety that is found in walking your
humble, serving way. Bless our gifts and multiply them for your purposes. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and a Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Musical Response *Adoration*

Hymn *When We Face an Unknown Future*

Postlude *Let All Things Now Living; Joy in My Soul; Sing a Happy Alleluia*