

FIRST CHURCH IN PEMBROKE

AUGUST 23, 2020 10:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

MEDITATION*

God of the quiet places, God of the stormy seas, we gather in your calming presence. Silence the crashing waves of trouble in our hearts. Let us hear your promise to us in Christ's whispered, "Be still." And in our stillness, let us know within our whole selves that you and you alone are our God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Sing a new song to our God!

A song of celebration, a song of joy!

Gather all the melodies together into one great harmony of praise.

Let the music of our hearts become part of God's great song, pulsing through all creation.

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Let us praise our God of amazing grace!

HYMN ***All Creatures of our God and King***

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

Bounteous God, increase our faith as we gather as your people. Pour forth your love upon us and shower us with the gifts of the Spirit. In our turning to you, bless us this hour and always with your abounding love, your extravagant grace, joy, peace, and patience. Fill us with kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Strengthened in faith, may we share your generosity with all the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

SERMON **STAY AWAKE!**

HYMN ***Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

OFFERTORY INVITATION *

Let us make an offering to God, remembering Jesus' words: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48)

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

As joint workers with you, O God, we offer you the fruits of our labor that you may bless them for your service and us in our calling. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN ***This Is My Song***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE