

First Church in Pembroke

Communion Sunday

June 6, 2021 10:00 AM

Order of Worship



Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" *Mark 3:20-21, 34*

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it..... Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever.” (*Psalm 118*)

PRELUDE: *Arioso*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: (*see last page*)

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION: *God Is So Good*

CALL TO WORSHIP♦ (*responsively*)

L: Rejoice in our God always!

C: Again, I say, rejoice!

L: For God has gathered us together

C: From all the corners of the earth

L: To be present now

C: And to know joyful unity

L: Of being one in Christ.

C: Rejoice in our God always!

L: Again, I say, rejoice!

C: Alleluia!

HYMN *This Is the Day* (p4)

Prayer of Invocation♦ (*in unison*) (*please stand*)

Bounteous God, increase our faith as we gather as your people. Pour forth your love upon us and shower us with gifts of the Spirit. In our turning to you, grace us this hour with your abounding love, 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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

SERMON **“WE ARE FAMILY”**

By Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN O God in Your Love (p5)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONCECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING♦

With grateful hearts we praise you, O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION♦

O God, you give us tasks to perform. You equip us with strengths and abilities beyond what we deserve. In Christ you call us to faithfulness, to exercise obedience, to be deliberate in our discipline. Let us bring to you our offering, the result of our labors. Use them to further your work in Christ's name.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN

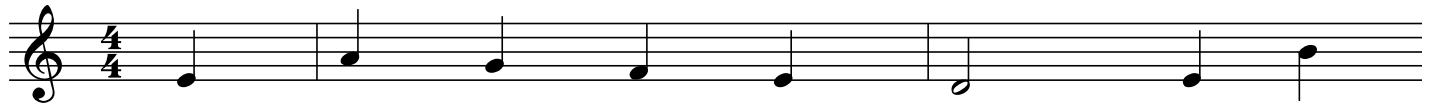
O God of Every Nation (p6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Glory of God in Nature

O God of Every Nation



1. O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, Of
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And
 3. Lord, strength - en all who la - bor That
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of



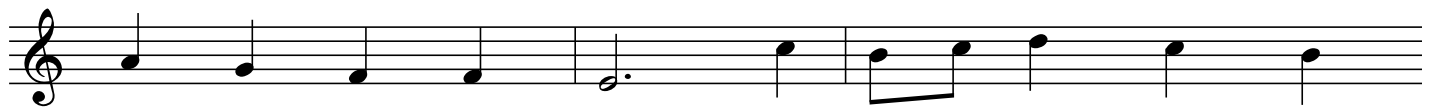
ev - 'ry race and land, Re - deem your whole cre -
 scorn of truth and right, From trust in bombs that
 we may find re - lease From fear of rat - tling
 days when wars shall cease, When ha - tred and di -



a - tion With your al - might - y hand; Where
 show - er De - struc - tion through the night, From
 sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease; When
 vi - sion Give way to love and peace, Till



hate and fear di - vide us And
 pride of race and sta - tion And
 hope and cour - age fal - ter, Your
 dawns the morn - ing glo - rious When



bit - ter threats are hurled, In love and mer - cy
 blind - ness to your way, De - liv - er ev - 'ry
 still small voice be heard; With faith that none can
 Christ a - lone shall reign And he shall rule vic -



guide us And heal our strife - torn world.
 na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 al - ter, Up - hold us by your word.
 to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

This Is The Day

Words and Music by
Les Garrett

♩ = 120

E♭

B♭⁶ B♭⁷



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

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B♭⁶ B♭⁷

A♭⁶/E♭ E♭



Lord hath made; We will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

8

A♭⁶/E♭ E♭

A♭

E♭

A♭



glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath _ made; We will re-joice and be

12

E♭/B♭

B♭^{7sus}

B♭⁷

E♭



glad in it. This is the day,

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E♭/B♭

B♭⁷

E♭



this is the day that the Lord hath made.

O God, In Your Love

Sung to "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

So may your church welcome in loving accord
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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CREDITS: ♦ Chalice Worship, ♦♦ Sourcebook of Worship Resources

WEBSITE REDUX

At the May 9, 2021 meeting, some of the congregation had questions regarding the hiring process of FCIP pastor. We walked the congregation through the hiring process for a Pastor at First Church. Candidates who are considered for the Pastor position, which includes living in the parsonage, fill out the Pastor Application form that the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches requires.

The NACCC receives a profile directly from a candidate. If no problems are uncovered in the candidate's background then the profile is forwarded to the FCIP Search team. Once the search team receives the profile, we discuss and decide whether we want to go forward with the candidate.

If yes, we interview the candidate at least two times via Zoom, and the third time would be in person. Once we deliberate and agree to present a candidate, the following has already occur: Background check, Cori check, and Reference checks. In other words, the candidate has been fully vetted before presenting them to the congregation. We hope this helps to explains the hiring process.

NEW: The Search Team has conducted a second interview with a promising candidate. The plan is to meet with this candidate, who lives in the New England area, for an in-person third interview and tour of the church and parsonage.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns about the current process, you can contact Francine at FCPalmer@verizon.net or reach out to anyone on the Search Team. Thank you and be safe now.

A shout-out to these three Palmer men who cleaned-out the Parsonage garage:
Nick, Zach & Bradley.

