

Worship Program for First Church in Pembroke

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday February 26th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Look not upon me because I am dark, because the sun has looked upon me. My mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards, but mine own vineyard have I not kept. I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.” (Song of Solomon 1:6 & 2:1)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Another Sunday and we gather to worship, another week has passed and we hold steadfast to our love of the one true God.

C: Lord, open our eyes that we may see, open our ears that we may hear, but above all, open our hearts that we may receive you.

P: Illuminate our spirits dear Lord, ignite our souls to proclaim your word.

C: Like loyal soldiers called to the regimen, may we continue to be staunch believers of your word.

P: The Word of God has called us to worship! Let the earth rejoice, let all the people rejoice, each in their own language, because God understands us all.

C: Open our eyes Lord that we may see and be non-judgmental; let us yield to you and join in the the jubilation of your praise.

Amen.

**OPENING HYMN: #18 (Black Hymnal)
“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Bread of heaven, continue to feed us till we want to more. Truly, we are weak but you are mighty, therefore, hold us with your powerful hands. As humans we are programmed to follow the rudiments of this world, but we know that if we call on your holy name you can shield us from the deception and lusts of this world. As a congregation we pray that our harmonious voices will be well received in thy sight, and that your blessings will be ever enriching and bestowing upon us. Father, we call on you this day to shelter us in times of storms and from the many doldrums in our lives. We are aware that as long as you are in the world, that you are the Light of the world! Shine on us Jesus, shine on us this day and always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 9:1-13

SERMON: 'Messianic Healing, Overriding Optical Illusion' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #282 (Black Hymnal) “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: 1 Timothy 1:17

“Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #319 (Red Hymnal) “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: