

Worship Program for **First Church in** **Pembroke**

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 19th 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“The mighty God, even the Lord, has spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shined. The heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself.”
(Psalm 50:1-6).

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Wonderful people, Jesus said to his disciples:
“Never mind what people say about me!
But whom do **you** say that I am?”

C: While some gave different answers, Peter answered: “Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God!”

P: Wonderful people, do you this day in your heart confess and believe in the Living God?

C: Yes, we wholeheartedly believe; and we also marvel at his command to allow the little children to hold his hands and talk to him.

P: Surely, Jesus loved the children, because children are an heritage from the Lord.

C: Just like Jesus, we welcome all the children in our midst today. As we worship together, may the blessings of God fill the sanctuary, and may his love continue to shine on us all, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #4 (Red Hymnal) “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

God of Grace and Glory,

The scriptures promise that you will make all things new. As we are going through our trials and temptations, we realize that this year is still relatively new, therefore we ask to be made anew by your love and forgiveness. Restore on us afresh more of your blessings from above! Give us the knowledge to celebrate new life around us, and even the echo of your voice in a new born baby's cry. Just like a fountain, allow our love to flow so that we can be a blessing to others and those within our families. Loving God, as we seek your guidance, we remain humbled by your wisdom, and pray that you will continue to be our comforter and friend, today, tomorrow, this year, and for the rest of our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING : Psalm 51:1-12

SERMON: 'A Child-like Restoration' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #327 (Black Hymnal) “Jesus Loves Me” (Verses 1-3)

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Isaiah 45:12

“I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #438 (Black Hymnal) “When Peace, Like a River”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: