

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

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **PRELUDE:**

## **MEDITATION PRAYER:**

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keeps thee will not slumber. Behold he that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand." (Psalm 121:1-5)

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: Wonderful people, raise your voices high in jubilation for our Risen Lord and Savior who is still alive and living, and making intercessions for us day and night!

**C: Let the bells of heaven ring, let the earth tremble with the sound of gladness, and may all people from the four corners of this earth come to the realization that the Lord our God is One Lord.**

P: The perils of sorrow could not hold him down, because He rose again victoriously, never to die again, and never again to be wrongfully accused!

**C: Our path to salvation have been paid in full! Yes, Jesus paid it all, therefore, blessed be the 'Father of Mankind,' for mighty is the power of the Lord, and mightier still is the anointing he has bestowed for us and upon us.**

P: So faint not to raise your voice my people! Faint not to raise your voices high in jubilation, for our Risen Lord and Savior is still alive and living!

**C: He remembered us in our low estate, and gave us a path to sit in heavenly places with the redeemed by faith.**

**ALL: "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever!" Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: #19 (Red Hymnal) "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

God of all creations,

The Easter tide season brings a vibrant array of new life and fresh aroma to the gardens and springs around us. With butterflies fluttering on bright petals, and birds singing new songs of life, we the people look on with an air of contentment. Lord, we marvel at your work of creation! Like a well of living water we long to be revived and renewed by your Holy Spirit. Today we seek your presence, and pray that you will create in us a new heart and a new soul. We also pray that you will restore in us the fruits of the Spirit. May love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, temperance and faith be the fabric our souls here and now, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**HYMN: #485 (Red Hymnal) "This Is My Father's World"**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:6-14**

**SERMON: 'Raptured Love, Blissful Lives' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

## **OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

"Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruits of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receives the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient, establish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draws near." (James 5:7-8)

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING HYMN: #382 (Black Hymnal) "Come, We Who Love God's Name"**

## **BENEDICTION:**

## **POSTLUDE:**