

Order Of Worship

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday April 30th, 2023

3rd Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER: (Proverbs 8:11-13)

“Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride, and arrogance, and the evil way...”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: A new day dawns, the morning light becomes apparent, and we are awakened to the sound of birds and voices around us.

C: **May the dawn of this new day bring new beginnings and deliverance to our lives! May we also focus on Christ who continues to lend us the breath of life.**

P: Let the glory of our Lord be exalted above the heavens and above all the earth.

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P: Our Lord will lead us valiantly through this day, and at evening he will give us the time to meditate and to offer more of our silent prayers in a humble fashion.

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ALL: Our hearts are fixed upon our Risen Lord! Our eyes are turned towards him, and may his glory fill this church as we sing praises and give thanks to a God who is above all gods. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

It is written, that somewhere up there is a happy land of sunshine that is free from all sorrow, pain and care. It is a place where no harm can enter, and the chilling winds of despair are forbidden; because in that happy land it is spring-time forever there! It is also a place where we will

always be youthful and happy, where none will never grow old, and the place where all will be glory while the ages shall roll.

Lord, these are great words to ponder on this morning. As we have risen to the dawning of this new day, instill in us a passion for life, a passion to embrace your word, a passion to know more about the wonders of your love, and a passion to cherish those around us. As we welcome your Holy Spirit in this place, we pray that you will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness while we worship you in spirit and in truth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 9:1-9

SERMON: 'Denial, Conversion, & Proclamation' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #425 (Black Hymnal) “For the Fruit of All Creation”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Matthew 24:30)

“And then shall appear the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

DOXOLOGY:

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #385 (Red Hymnal) “Stand up, Stand up for Jesus”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: