

# First Church in Pembroke

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"I have made the earth, and created man (humans) upon it, even my hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts have I commanded... Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the words are gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that I Jesus, I am the Lord." (Isaiah 45:12, & 22-23)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Precious people, God has called us to assembly to exalt him in the congregation, and to turn our attention to the beating hearts he gave us.

C: Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

P: Precious people, the Lord will save us from the hands of the enemy, and will gather us from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south.

C: Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

P: Precious people, the Lord will calm the storms of our lives, and he will make the waves to be silent. Our God will create a haven of rest to free us from all disturbances.

C: Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

ALL: Whosoever is wise will observe the ways of the Lord, and indeed will understand his loving-kindness towards his people. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #28 (Black Hymnal) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Redeemer and Creator,

We rise to the call of your name, and we will sing praises to you for as long as we live! In faithfulness, we pass on this praise to our generations with the belief that they too will praise you. Lord, who is mightier than you? Who can calm the raging sea and bring the waves to silence? Indeed, righteousness and justice are the habitation of your throne, and mercy and truth flows from it. We call on your holy name this morning because you have blessed us, and have become our shield and defense. We rise to the call of your name, because we have found the meaning of our salvation. As a congregation, we stand as a sure foundation, living by faith and learning to walk in the light of your countenance. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 16:1-10

SERMON: 'The Wind Beneath Our Wings' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #473 (Black Hymnal) "Blessed Assurance"

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

"They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him." (Lamentations 3:23-24)

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #403 (Black Hymnal) "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: