

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday June 4th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: Though war should rise up against me, I will be confident in the Lord." (Psalm 27:1 & 3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Children of the Most High God, you are at the right place; you've made the right choice, so feel blessed and highly favored.

C: One thing we know for sure, and that is: The Lord is the strength of our lives and the joy of our song. Therefore, we will continue to live by faith and will not fear the alarms of life.

P: Children of the Most High God, are you rooted in faith and trusting in the goodness of the Lord?

C: Oh, yes, we do! The Lord is the strength of our lives and the joy of our song. Therefore, we will continue to live by faith and will not fear the alarms of life.

P: Abraham, who was a patriarch of old, never doubted God, and for that, he was counted righteous and a friend of God.

C: Today, we will take note of Abraham's belief, and we will yield to the same higher power. We will yield to the One who sits high in the heavens.

P: So come, my people, and let us praise God! Let us sing and dance in the Lord!

C: We will forget about our burdens for a while and focus our attention on the Son of Righteousness.

ALL: The Lord will preserve us with his blessings of goodness. Even if we stumble, his mighty hand will enfold us and make us strong again. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #4 (Red Hymnal) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

There was One who was willing to go to the cross to give all of humanity a path to salvation. There was One who was willing to take the fall for us, and there was One who knew no sin and had no sin but became sin for us! As we reflect on these words, we cannot help but ask ourselves - when in our lifetime did we ever try to carry another's burden? When in our lifetime did we ever take the fall for someone else? We realize that these are heavy burdens to bear and tough decisions to make. As Christians, we can surely give a helping hand to someone in need, and we can be kind to a neighbor and friend. Jesus said: "Love thy neighbor as thyself, for in doing so, you have fulfilled the second commandment." Lord, as we seek

your presence among us today, touch our hearts with love, and encourage us to be more accepting of ourselves and of others. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1:13

SERMON: 'Love Overboard' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

COMMUNION HYMN: #288 (Red Hymnal) "Let Us Break Bread Together"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts, we praise you, O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

"And Ruth said, intreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you, wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." (Ruth 1:16)

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #382 (Red Hymnal) "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: