

Worship Program for First Church in Pembroke

Sunday June 18th, 2023

FATHER'S DAY!!

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"Fathers provoke not your children to wrath but bring them up in nurture and admonition of the Lord. Finally, by brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:4 & verses 10-11)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meet and Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Hear the word of the Lord: "My Father is rich in houses and lands; he holds the wealth of the world in his hand. He has rubies and diamonds, he has silver and gold, his coffers are full, and he has riches untold!"

C: "A tent or a cottage, why should we fear? He is building a palace for us over there." As we tarry here on earth, we are given the command to occupy until our Lord appears.

P: Good Christian men, and men of all ages, you ought to rejoice because the word of Christ dwells also richly in you; for we are all called to recognize the truth of God, and to speak about his mystery.

C: We will pray that the Lord will open unto us a door of utterance, that we can be forgiving to all people, and be encouraged to live a life of prayer and thanksgiving.

P: Fathers, on this Father's Day, may your hearts be at peace, and may your mind, soul and body gravitate to the One true God!

C: We will pray that the Lord will open unto us a door of utterance, that we can be forgiving to all people, and to live a life of prayer and thanksgiving.

ALL: We are complete in Christ who is the head of all principalities and power, and we will hold fast to the Head whose name is 'grace and righteousness, wisdom and might.' Amen.

OPENING HYMN: #4 (Black Hymnal) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

At the onset of creation, the expanse of the universe appeared vast, but it was in the hands of God! Everything that was created was meticulously thought of because each would come to serve a time and a purpose. On the sixth day, God created humanity, and so began the generations of the earth. Father, the genealogies of the

Bible give a detailed account of a past life, geography and topography of our world. Though many principalities and governments have incorporated and introduced new ways and ideologies, we are blessed to know that none can change the Word of God! Heaven and earth may pass away, but the word of God will live on forever!

Today we call on your holy name to accompany us in worship. We hold fast the knowledge that someday our lowly bodies will be fashioned like your glorious body according to the workings by which you are able to subdue all things unto yourself. Bless all fathers, those who are here today, those who are absent and those who are no longer here with us. Grant us hope, grant us courage and some of your wisdom and peace; we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 22:1-8

SERMON: 'Jehovahjireh, God will provide' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #237 (Black Hymnal) "I Come to the Garden Alone"

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

"I will be a Father to him, and he will be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I will never remove my gracious love from him." (2 Samuel 7:14-15)

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

DOXOLOGY:

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: