

# **First Church in Pembroke**

**Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **PRELUDE:**

## **MEDITATION PRAYER:**

“Blessed is he that considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in times of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth” and thou will not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou will make all his bed in his sickness.” (Psalm 41:1-3)

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Meet and Greet:**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: Wonderful people, how sweet are the tidings that greet our ears to know that one day our Savior will come back to earth to rule and reign!

**C: Hallelujah, we will rejoice and sing sweet songs of redemption to the only One worthy to be praised!**

P: We are happy that in church this morning, this is just another rehearsal leading to that grand and victorious day.

**C: Imagine living eternally with Jesus; imagine living a blissful life with no sorrow, no pain, and no worries!**

P: Indeed, wonderful people, how sweet are the tidings that greet our ears just to know that the Prince of Peace will make all things well.

**C: We will inhale a deep breath and invite the Holy Spirit into our lives, knowing that by faith, a bright crown of glory awaits us to wear on our heads.**

**ALL: We will keep our Christian faith alive, we will continue to seek God no matter the consequences, and we will remain kind to our fellow men, forsaking all evil and yielding to a life of prayer. Amen.**

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

### **PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

We have heard the joyful sound that Jesus saves! As Christians, we join in this beautiful anthem of spreading the tidings to everyone that “Jesus saves.”

We are encouraged to sing triumphantly while standing brave and standing tall to the wonders of our Savior and Lord. Day by day, we hold fast to the truth of God, and today we will listen for his echo in the distance while hoping to be renewed by his descending mercy drops on us! We pray that our lives will be forever transformed by his presence in this place. Our souls seek you, Lord! While we face the perplexities of this life, if we faint, rejuvenate our souls again like a new morning rain on a bed of fresh flowers. Shield us with your scepter of righteousness now and forevermore. Amen.

## **CALL TO PRAISE:**

## **GLORIA PATRI:**

## **SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 28:1-10**

**SERMON: 'The Island of Malta, Your Healing Awaits You!' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

**HYMN: #353 (Red Hymnal) “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

## **OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

“Looking unto Jesus he author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds.” (Hebrews 12:2-3)

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

## **DOXOLOGY:**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **MUSICAL RESPONSE:**

**CLOSING HYMN: #597 (Black Hymnal) “Shall We Gather at the River”**

## **BENEDICTION:**

## **POSTLUDE:**