First Church in Pembroke

Sunday July 9th, 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

"The Lord said unto my Lord, "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies your footstool." The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion, rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. ." (Psalm 110:1-2)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meet and Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Children of God, did you know that Prayer is appointed to convey the blessings God designs to give to us his children?

C: Now that we know the secret to finding our God, we come in peace and plead our wants before his face. God will pity our complaints and haste to heal our broken souls.

P: Children of God, and when you pray do you know that you should let allyour wishes be known, and you should not fear because God yields to our distressing calls?

C: We are aware that when we depend on God we cannot fail. Though our tomorrow may look bleak, his beaming light will guide us, then great obstacles will appear so small because God is on our side.

P: Indeed, dear Children of God, prayer supports the weak, and prayer supports the strong, and even if you cannot speak, just clasp your hand and nod in silence.

C: His piercing eyes and agape love is always ready to embrace and comfort us. We should never fear even if we dash our foot against a stone. ALL: We will take comfort in the Holy One. As he continues to cradle our lives, we will exalt his name! Amen.

HYMN: R#15 "Praise the Lord, the Almighty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

There will come a day when this earth will be renewed, and a new heaven and a new earth will be our new place of residence. It is written that the water of life that we will drink will be as clear as crystal! We will wear the finest linen, and our precious feet will walk on the finest gold! Our skin will glow even finer than that of a new born baby; and we will see Jesus and will walk and talk with him!

Lord, as we tarry here on this earth, as mere mortals we tend to believe that these words and things to come are too wonderful for us! As we seek your presence this morning, we pray that you will erase every inkling of doubt and fear in our minds. By faith, give us the courage to believe and accept the wonders and extravagant gifts you have reserved just for us! Give us the knowledge and patience to ponder on these things, and may you always give us eyes to see the spiritual things, and ears and hearts to hear and follow through. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE:

GLORIA PATRI:

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

SERMON: "Have You Seen Him?" (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: B#473 "Blessed Assurance"

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

"Have you not all one Father? Have not one God created us? Then why do we deal treacherously, every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? For the Lord, the God of Israel says that he hates putting away; for one covers violence with his garment, says the the Lord of Host, therefore, take heed to your spirit, that you deal not treacherously." (Malachi 2:10 & verse 16)

OFFERTORY MUSIC: DOXOLOGY: PRAYER OF DEDICATION A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER MUSICAL RESPONSE: HYMN: R#485 "This is My Father's World" BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: