

OOW First Church in Pembroke

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

The 18th Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And although my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I will see God. I will see him for myself, and my eyes will behold him...” (Job 19:25-27)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Arise my people and be blessed because we have heard with our ears the mighty works of God in time past and even in our present age!

C: Yes, we heard how God created rivers in the desert and how he created an east wind that brought food to a hungry people.

P: So arise my people, and acknowledge the presence of God in this place! Hide not your face from the rest of the congregation, because today, you are one of the chosen ones of God!

C: If we have forgotten the name of our God or stretched out our hands to any strange 'gods' may we be forgiven and brought to repentance.

P: God is King over all the earth, and the light of of his countenance is more than enough to guide us through our daily lives!

C: May our tongues be like the pen of a ready writer, always ready to tell of God's wondrous and magnificent love!

ALL: We have been favored by God, and we will not remain silent! We will join in singing the melodies of praise and adoration to the One true God. Amen

HYMN: #15 (Red Hymnal) “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Great Spirit, as we stand as a united congregation, we realize that you have been present throughout all of creation and even throughout our lives. You have promised us a future that words cannot articulate, therefore we yield to the promise of your word. You ask no more of us than we can provide, and today we are ready to listen to your gentle voice. May we always be ready to give within our means just as Simeon, Anna, and the parents of Jesus gave to the temple during their time on earth. As we seek your presence in this place, comfort us, forgive us, and make us wise and strong so that we can continue to live in the understanding of your never-failing love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 4:1-7

SERMON: 'Many Vials of Oil and a Widow's Contentment' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #478 (Black Hymnal) “I've Got Peace Like a River”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (From Black Hymnal: Offertory #844)

“All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #195 (Black Hymnal) “On a Hill Far Away”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: