

# Worship Program for First Church in Pembroke

Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**PRELUDE:**

**MEDITATION PRAYER:**

“Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast for me, and neither eat nor drink for three days and three nights. I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and then I will go unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.” (Esther 4:16)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Meet & Greet:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

P: The eyes of the Lord remain steadfast on this earth, and his voice keeps calling all inhabitants therein to worship him.

**C: We have heard with our own ears how the early worshipers gathered their families outside the temple to pay homage unto the Lord.**

P: Many centuries later the eyes of the Lord have not moved, and his voice is still calling all to repentance and worship.

**C: Today, and for many Sundays past we have responded to this voice. We will abstain from any unpleasing ways, and we will turn our eyes upon Jesus.**

P: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,” and blessing awaits you my people for acknowledging the 'Root and Offspring of David.

**C: Though this world may regard us as minor earthlings, the Lord regards us as precious jewels, and will spare us as a father spares his own children that serve him.**

**ALL: It is written: The Lord will give us beauty for ashes, joy for our sorrows, and a continuous blessing and peace for all our misfortunes. Amen.**

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

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

The dawn of a new day begins with the appearance of light in the sky. Then as the sun takes precedence over the day we are awakened to the newness of life. Lord, we are grateful for each passing day, and we are thankful for your reciprocation that heralds the breaking of a new day. As your humble children, we feel blessed to be sitting here in your presence. Incline your ear dear Lord to the melodies that we sing to you, and may we ever be worshipers of the faith and stewards of your church here on earth. As ointment balms the soul, and as perfume exhibits a pleasant aroma, in like manner, let the sweetness of your love embrace us all this day. Allow your presence to shine in this sanctuary, and let our voices rejoice with you, for surely the presence of the Lord is in this place! Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 143:5-8**

**SERMON: 'Recollection, Regurgitation and Meditation' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)**

**HYMN: #52 (Black Hymnal) “There is a Name I Love to Hear”**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION:**

“For then will I turn to the peoples a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring my offering.” (Zephaniah 3:9-10)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING HYMN: #195 (Red Hymnal) “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”**

**BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**