

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday September 3rd 2023

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Gather in peace my people, because God's timing is impeccable! God is never a moment too late nor a moment too soon!

C: “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”

P: Sit still and feel the presence of the Lord; as his presence permeates and pervades the sanctuary, let us take a sigh of relief knowing that we are held in his everlasting arms.

C: “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”

P: Take courage my people, take courage and rest a while in the presence of the Lord.

C: “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.”

ALL: The Lord has redeemed our souls, and because we trust in him we shall never be wanting nor be left desolate. (Excerpts from Psalm 34)

HYMN: #28B “For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Loving God,
The beauty of this earth is a true pronouncement of your providence and grace. You have created the seasons and the winds and the rain to work in unison with nature, and then you pronounced them “good.” As we enter the season of autumn, let the morning breeze be our reminder that even the faint feel of a cool air should be cherished and welcomed by all. Be our guide and comforter as we enter this new season dear Lord. Bring peace, bring hope and contentment into our lives. Let us always remember that united in prayer we will stand like lofty mountains, but divided we will fall like the walls of Jericho. This day and henceforth, we the congregation agree to stand united

in prayer as we continue to seek your face and meditate on your holy word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-7

SERMON: 'Stand Up to your Fears' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #288R “Let Us Break Bread Together”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ's cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Give ear O Shepherd of Israel, thou who led Joseph like a flock, thou who dwells between the cherubim, shine forth...Restore us, O God of hosts, and cause your face to shine, and we shall be saved.” (Psalm 80:1&7)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN: #610B “My Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: