

First Church in Pembroke

Pembroke, MA 02359

09/24/2023

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION PRAYER: (Romans 5:1)

"Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(please speak loudly!)*

Greet your Church Family: meet fellow members of FCIP.

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Congregation in Bold)*

P: Children of God, you have come to worship your creator, but do you know that God has reserved a special place for you and your entire family in his Kingdom above?

C: We believe that we are the righteousness of God in Christ, and we are worthy to be called heirs to his kingdom.

P: Children of God, and do you know that it is a blessing to come into the presence of the Lord with music and a cheerful heart?

C: We believe because we are the righteousness of God in Christ, and we are worthy to be called heirs to his kingdom.

P: So, sing aloud, my people, sing to the One who is the 'Rose of Sharon' and the 'Bright and Morning Star!'

C: Together we will worship God, together we will rejoice in the anticipation of his second coming, and together we will hold fast to the truth of his word. Amen.

HYMN: #4: (Red Hymnal) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Read in Unison please speak slowly)*

Great God, We have heard that a merry heart can be compared to good medicine, and a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Light of the World, as we focus on your illuminating power and love, we recognize you in this new age of grace and call on your holy name to surround us in worship this day. Open our eyes to see you, program our hearts never to stray away from you. When we leave this place, we pray that you will immediately transform our lives to be your disciples in this church, in this community, and in this world. Cover us with the robe of your righteousness, and may we never cease to let go of your embrace and loving arms. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE *(Congregation in BOLD)*

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI *(Sung in Unison)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,

Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-9

SERMON: "The Word Incarnate" (by Pastor Miriam)

HYMN: B#319: "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

OFFERTORY INVITATION: Job 10:25

"For I know that my redeemer lives and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

OFFERTORY:

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

DOXOLOGY: R#515 "Praise God Whom Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (Musical Interlude)

HYMN: B#423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION: (In Unison)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

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POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)