

Sunday October 15th 2023

OOW - First Church In Pembroke

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, “Give them up!” And to the south, “Do not hold them back.” Bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone that is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” (Isaiah 43:4-7)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Wonderful Congregation, let us extol the name of the One who is the “Lilly of the Valley, and the fairest among ten thousands.

C: Lord, the splendor of your majesty, the intricacies of your artistic creation all highlight your providence and grace to a beautiful earth and its beautiful people.

P: It is wise to celebrate the name of Jesus, and it is right to gather in reverence to learn more of our Lord’s unfailing love.

C: Lord, the splendor of your majesty, the intricacies of your artistic creation all highlight your providence and grace to a beautiful earth and its beautiful people.

P: Loving God, one generation commends your works to another, and generations will speak of your mighty acts.

C: Keep us on level-ground as we continue to do your will here on earth. Teach us to forgive our enemies, and increase our hope to continue trusting in You, our never-failing Lord.

ALL: Amen, and let it be so! Let the word of God stand forever! Amen

HYMN: #227 (Red) “Fairest Lord Jesus”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Father, we pray and ask for the longevity of the cords of love and harmony to continue to unite the people of this earth. We are awakened by the caring spirits of total strangers as they skip along life’s journey hand in hand, and forever in love. As their love prosper, in like manner we ask that you open our senses to see and taste that the Lord is good. May we continue to grow in your love and in faith. Breathe on us your everlasting spirit as we seek your presence among us. Keep us in tune to always whisper a prayer to you every day in our busy lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Judges 14:1-8

SERMON: 'A Marriage in Timnah'

by Minister Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #228 (Red Hymnal) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden. (Habakkuk 3:3-4)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #485 (Red Hymnal) “This Is My Father's World”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: