

Sunday October 22nd 2023

First Church In Pembroke – OOW

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“The Lord is wonderful! He deserves all praise in the city where he lives. His holy mountain, beautiful and majestic, brings joy to all on earth. Mount Zion truly sacred, is home for the Great King. God is there to defend it and has proved to be its protector.” (Psalm 48:1-3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Children of the Most High God, many centuries ago did you know that Jesus stood up to read from the Scriptures and proclaimed that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him and anointed him to preach the gospel to the poor?

C: All who heard him speak that day believed that the scripture was fulfilled in their ears. Today we feel blessed because we are reading the same scripture and believe that the truth of God will stand forever!

P: Though it may be hard for us to understand, but the poor among us represent God; and as Christians we are asked to give to the poor as a way of lending to the Lord.

C: Jesus walked the dusty roads of Nazareth preaching to the poor and restoring sight to the blind. His ministry among them was one that was compassionate and true.

P: Hold nothing back in worshiping the only true God! As believers of the word, stand up and breathe the Holy Spirit!

C: The mighty works of God are all around us, and today we sing of his wondrous love.

ALL: "Rich and poor have one thing in common: God is the maker of them all." (Excerpts from Proverbs 22:2)

HYMN: (B12) “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

On a calm October day, when there is turmoil and strife in some parts of the world, Lord we gather to praise your name. The stories of war and deaths are real, and the violence and rage

surpass our understanding. Lord, we call on your holy name to hear the cries of a hurting people and the groanings of the people of the world. As we seek your presence among us, activate our minds to speak words of comfort and love to all people. In the hustle of the day may we take a moment to pause, and in the stillness of the night may we take a moment to ponder about the meaning of our own lives. Embrace us with your robe of righteousness and shelter us under the pavilion of your love, this day and always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: [Judges 16:4-9](#)

SERMON: ‘Seven locks of hair & Eleven hundred pieces of silver’ (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

HYMN: #317 (Red) “I Love to Tell the Story”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Pay close attention! Come to me and live. I will promise you the eternal love and loyalty that I promised David. I made him the ruler and leader of the nations; he was my witness to them. You will call out to nations you have never known. And they have never known you, and they will come running because I am the Lord, the holy God of Israel, and I have honored you.” (Isaiah 55:3-5)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN: (R353) “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: