

In Recognition of Veterans' Day

First Church in Pembroke – OOW Bulletin

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PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER

“But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end. For thus says the Lord who created the heavens, God himself who formed the earth and made it, he has established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord; and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right” (Isaiah 45:17-19)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Precious children of God, did you know that in times past and in sundry times God spoke to his patriarchs and prophets and thanked them for a job well done?

C: Today in recognition of our upcoming Veterans Day, we honor and thank those who have served and stood to defend and protect this great nation.

P: In time past the watchmen stood on the high walls and sounded the alarm when danger came near, and they were able to save many lives.

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P: Indeed, we serve a God of wisdom and One who is well versed in knowledge and understanding.

C: We echo the knowledge of a Living God who has carved and made the way straight for us.

ALL: In thankfulness we exalt the wonders of his love and hold fast to the joy of our salvation. Amen.

HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” (See Insert)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Great God,

You chose a people of this world unto yourself and equipped them with the oracles of your truth. Your great love remains abounding, and that is why you grafted the rest of humanity into marvelous your light. You have said that our ways are not your ways, and our understanding are not your understanding. While you look down on this earth with your heavenly eyes we pray that you will see our love shining back at you.

Therefore, incite our minds to be inquiring enough to search your ways; and may we be blessed with the reward of your wisdom. Give us eyes that we may see you and ears that we may hear your tender voice amid the 'cacophony' which means the loud noises of this world. As we seek your face, give us the understanding to realize that love is kind, and may we always hold on to such love for just a little while longer. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 4:3-4

SERMON: 'It is Written' (by Minister Miriam Theodore)

COMMUNION HYMN: #288 (Red Hymnal) “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: 1 Corinthians 15:47-49

“The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #443 (Red Hymnal) “Mine Eyes has seen the glory”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: