

First Church Pembroke

Sunday Service

January 21, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“And the Lord said to Joshua, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor will I forsake you. Be strong and be of good courage. Yes, be strong and be very courageous so that you may be able to observe to do according to the law which Moses my servant commanded you; turn not from it from the right hand or to the left that you may prosper wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth. Meditate on it day and night, that you will be able to observe and do according to all that is written in it. Then I will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:1-8)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Shout for joy my people! Shout and be exceedingly glad for “greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world.”

C: Let his righteousness be our rivers in the desert. As we gather in eagerness to worship Him, may his holy Word be soothing to our ears and calm all our fears.

P: Who is on the Lord’s side always wins! To worship God means that we bear testament to the only true and wise God.

C: Let his righteousness be our rivers in the desert. As we gather in eagerness to worship Him, may his holy Word be soothing to our ears and calm all our fears.

P: Wonderful people, we have a reason to shout for joy, because way beyond the skies a Savior has prepared a place for us where we will be forever young and where we will be forever full of life and vigor.

C: Let his righteousness be our rivers in the desert. As we gather in eagerness to worship Him, may his holy Word be soothing to our ears and calm all our fears.

ALL: Indeed, we are humbled to be called "Precious Jewels! "Thank you, God, for looking beyond our flaws and embracing us as your favored children." Amen.

HYMN: R#246 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Just as a false balance is an abomination to the Lord, and a just weight is his delight, as Christians and lovers of God we take a pause from our busy schedules and humble ourselves in his presence. David, who was both a prophet and a king said: “Who can hide from your presence Lord? If I ascend into heaven, you are there, if I make my bed in lowest of hell, you are there, and if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, there you will be too, and your right hand will hold me.”

Loving God may your presence be always with us! May your right hand forever lead us to do great things here on earth and in your kingdom above. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:9-11

SERMON: 'The Rising from the River of Baptism' by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #391 (Red Hymnal) “Be Thou My Vision”

OFFERTORY: (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

“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.

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: B#547 “Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: