

Order Of Worship

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday March 10th, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“And if any man (human being) shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:19).

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Wonderful people, did you know that Simon Peter asked for a reward for following Jesus? Peter said: “Lord, we have left everything to follow you!”

C: Then Jesus answered: “Truly, there is no one who have left their house, parents, siblings, husband, wife or children who will not receive a manifold blessing in this present age and in the ages to come.”

P: Jesus made the ultimate plea that all should to come to Him to receive the blessing of eternal life.

C: As a potter molds the clay with patience and determination, may our lives continue to be molded by the One True God.

P: As Christians, let us realize that it is imperative to continue to set our eyes on the things above, and not on the things of this earth.

C: We are willing and able to follow in the path of His righteousness! May we in all humility sit in grace and silence at the feet of Jesus.

ALL: “Sitting at the feet of Jesus let us look upon our past. Truly, his love has been so gracious, it has won our hearts at last!” Amen.

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

LENTEN PRAYER:

Our wonderful and eternal God, you who knew no sin became sin for us. You were tempted and tried, you were bruised and beaten, you cried out in anguish but in the end you stood the test of time and hung on to that cross in shame just to bring us eternal salvation. For the next forty days, as Christians and

believers of your name, may we focus on your parables and work of the cross. Guided by your humility and loving-kindness towards all people, encourage us to first focus on our own sins so that we can become better people. Then, may we find the strength to forgive and love all people and become shining lights here on earth and in your kingdom above. As we inquire for more of your wisdom, bring peace to our hearts. Throughout this Lenten Season, breathe on us afresh, your Holy Spirit, and inspire us to be more engaging in fervent prayer and in fasting. May we be always mindful of the poor and those whom society counts as rejects because we believe that every human being is precious in your eyes! God of grace and glory, hear our prayer today and always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:1-8

SERMON: 'Persistent for a Reward'
by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #319 (Black Hymnal) “Sing Them Over Again to Me”

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (1 Timothy 5:1-2)
“Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father, and the younger men as brothers; the elder women as mothers, and the younger as sisters, with all purity.”
Give with a cheerful heart to the Lord!

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #460 (Black Hymnal) “Be Not Dismayed”

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

POSTLUDE: