

Order Of Worship

First Church in Pembroke

Sunday March 17th, 2024

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER: (1 John 4:10-11)

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. (Propitiation means Satisfaction. It means that Jesus Christ was enough for us and satisfied the wrath of God against our sins and against us. Jesus Christ and his shed blood was the only and best method to save us!)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Lift up your heads, my people! Lift up your heads and notice the signs of the times because the time is drawing nigh when Jesus will appear.

C: We are vigilant and strong; we will continue to live by faith, just knowing that Jesus is Lord!

P: Jesus spoke of the signs of the times and reminded us that in a little while, all eyes will see him in the cloud of heaven.

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P: Wonderful people, living by faith truly prepares us for the second coming of our Lord Jesus.

C: Even though He has spoken to us in proverbs and precepts, we know that there will come a day when He speaks to us 'face to face'!

ALL: Lord, great are your spoken words! Blessed be our Deliverer and Eternal King! As we bow our heads to you, we welcome your words and your presence among us here this morning. Amen.

HYMN: R#6 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

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 always be 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.

Special Reading: Gail Horsefield

Scripture Reading: John 16:16-20

SERMON:

“Disappearing and Reappearing in a little while”
by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: B#505 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

OFFERTORY: (Psalm 134:2-3 & Psalm 135:4)

“Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord. The Lord, who made heaven and earth, bless thee out of Zion.” For the Lord chose Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.”

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

CLOSING HYMN: #438 (Black Hymnal)
“When Peace, Like a River

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

POSTLUDE: