

First Church In Pembroke
Order Of Worship
Sunday April 7, 2024
1st Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION PRAYER:

“The Lord has promised: Your sorrow has ended, and you can celebrate. I will punish those who mistreat you. I will bring together the lame and the outcasts and they will be praised, instead of despised, in every country on earth, I will lead you home, and with your own eyes you will see me bless you with all you once owed. Then you will be famous everywhere on the earth, I the Lord have spoken.” (Zephaniah 3:18-20)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Wonderful people, be strong and be brave and breathe a sigh of relief that our ‘Shield and Defender’ is still watching over us.

C: We are grateful and thankful because we have heard that the ‘Ancient of Days’ is the One who was willing to die for us!

P: With such a vast love for us He patiently awaits the day when He will walk and talk with us.

C: We cannot fathom the tomorrows of our lives, and neither can we decipher what a new day will bring, but we remain rest assured that when Jesus is in the vessel we can smile at the storm of life.

P: And as we go sailing through the storms of life may we always choose to cast all our cares on him.

C: Life anew with him means life eternal with him, because he first chose us and thought it wise to accept us as heirs to his kingdom.

ALL: A wonderful Savior is Jesus our Lord! Let us join hands in harmony and sing the greatness of our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

As we reflect on the Easter Story of Jesus rising from the tomb, we realize that the bright rays of the morning sunlight piercing through a dark room still has a captivating effect on all those who’ve experience it. Oh, Morning Star, no light has ever

shone brighter than the rays you commanded and created! This morning, may we be attentive to your presence among us, and may we be inclined to seek and follow that Light that will lead us to sit in the company of ‘Greatness and Love.’ Father, incite our minds to keep praising you today and forevermore. Amen.

YOUNG CHILDREN’S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:36-45

SERMON:

“Immortal and Invincible”

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #288 (Red Hymnal) “Let us Break Bread Together”

COMMUNION:

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.” God has called us to give in love and to be at peace with ourselves. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #382 (Black Hymnal) “Come, We Who Love God’s Name”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: