

First Church In Pembroke

Order Of Worship

Sunday April 28, 2024

4th Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE:

MEDITATION VERSE:

“And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen with lifting their hands; and they bowed their heads, and they worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.” (Nehemiah 8:6)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet & Greet:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Worshippers of God, have you not heard that Ezra blessed the Lord on the street before the water gate from morning until midday?

C: Yes, we are learning, and yes, we have now heard that Ezra the priest and scribe stood on a pulpit of wood and opened the 'Book of Law' and read to all the people who were gathered there.

P: Although it has been more than five thousand years ago, this story is still being told, because God's words are faithful and true!

C: May our anthems of praise continue to make all of heaven join in our chorus; and may heavenly blessings be ours for the taking.

P: Let the glory of God transcends on us here this morning, let his *'Shekinah glory'* fill this sanctuary.

C: Honor and majesty belong to God; because the angels sing: “Holy, Holy is His name forever!”

ALL: This morning, we join in singing our song of joy and gladness; for truly we believe that words fitly sung and spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver! Amen.

HYMN: #251 (Red Hymnal) “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Mighty God, the cold of winter is slowly subsiding, and the spring rain takes the lead; but above all your majestic pronouncement of the ‘Season of Spring’ cannot be mistaken! As the willful swallows and the noisy woodpeckers soon get ready to nest and bring new ones into being, we understand that the cycle of

life needs no introduction. As Christians on a journey may our light continue to shine bright. From one season to another may we rise to be your 'Good Samaritans' here on earth. This day and always we seek your face Lord, therefore, let your presence among us be our guiding light. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 1:1-10

SERMON:

“Conviction & Conversion”

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

HYMN: #418 (Red Hymnal) “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice in as much as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy. (1 Peter 4:12-13)

DOXOLOGY:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

CLOSING HYMN: #237 (Black Hymnal) “I Come to the Garden Alone”

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: