

# First Church In Pembroke

## Communion Sunday

May 5, 2024

### PRELUDE:

### MEDITATION VERSE:

“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. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Meet & Greet:

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Arise my people! Arise, because it is another golden morning to praise God, and another opportunity to tell of his wondrous grace.

**C: Grace for grace, the Lord bestows his mercy on us, and unto all people of the world.**

P: Another moment and another chance to gaze at his flawless creation. Another moment to bow our heads in silence.

**C: Grace for grace, the Lord bestows his mercy on us, and unto all people of the world.**

P: Another chance to immerse ourselves in the fullness of his love; and another chance to believe in Him.

**C: Grace for grace, and with profound respect we will express our gratitude to the One who is greatly praised.**

**ALL: God’s love has no limit! God’s love shows no partiality, because even when we falter, God is still willing to embrace us. His loving-kindness is wholesome and pure! Amen.**

**HYMN: R#204 “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Lord, “Why do the heathens rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?” Why did the kings of the earth take counsel together against the Lord of Hosts? Why do your people still perish for lack of understanding? Have they not heard that He who sits high in the heavens was once a servant among men and abode in humility? Have they not heard that when you spoke, your words went out speedily like the waves of the sea and they never came back empty? Holy Spirit, arise within us and transform the hearts of those who still doubt your goodness. As we stand in unity, may

your saving grace bring much joy and peace into our lives and into the lives of all people. Amen. (Excerpts from Psalm 2)

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

**SCRIPTURE READING: Esther 3:1-10**

### SERMON:

**“Tracing the Genesis of Antisemitism”**

by Rev. Miriam Theodore

**HYMN: R#288 “Let Us Break Bread Together”**

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With grateful hearts we praise you O God, for your great goodness in the gift of Christ. Through sacred memory, Christ has come to us and fed us at this table. Strengthen us by your grace to fellowship with Christ each day. Stir us to share Christ’s cross in daily sacrificial service. Amen.

### OFFERTORY INVITATION:

“And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” (Revelation 21:3)

### DOXOLOGY:

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

### A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

**HYMN: B#439 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

### BENEDICTION:

### POSTLUDE: