



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday April 11, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor

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Prelude

Isaiah Williams

Welcome & Announcements

Elizabeth Eldridge

***Call to Worship** Elizabeth Eldridge

L: God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death.

C: Fill your Church with faith and hope and life

L: And send your Spirit now to illuminate your Holy Word

C: In and through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

***Opening Hymn**

“Easter People Raise Your Voices” No. 304

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty and gracious God, we come with enquiring minds, and open hearts, to seek your truth. Inspire us in this hour that we may undertake the work of the kingdom with deeper resolve. Calm our souls, and deliver us from pettiness and divisiveness, that we may praise your holy name with joy. Amen

The Morning Scriptures

A Song of Assents - Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

*Our Gospel Reading is from John, chapter 20, verses 19-31 Will you please rise.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of

the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

"Christ Is Alive" No.318

Sermon "Claim It, Embody It, Receive It" Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

(for those present in the sanctuary this morning, there is an offering plate at the door for your use as you leave.

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen*

Dedication of Our Gifts and Offerings

***Closing Hymn**

“The Day of Resurrection” No. 303

The Blessing

***Choral Benediction “God Be With You”**

*God be with you til we meet again
By his counsels guide uphold you
With his sheep securely fold you
God be with you til we meet again*

***And the People Said, “Amen”**

Welcome

It is Spring, and we are together in our sanctuary for worship. What a blessing, made more so because you are here.

The Ministry of Prayer

In your bulletin this morning is a prayer request form. If you wish to ask for prayers for someone, please fill in their name and place the form on the edge of the pulpit.

This Week’s Meetings

The Board of Trustees meet tomorrow at 5:30 pm via zoom.

For Your Safety...

We are committed to the following safety guidelines.

*Wear a mask

*Use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter

*Sign in for worship (include a phone # please)

*Do not use hymnals—used printed hymn sheets..

Creation Sunday

Next Sunday we will celebrate something new in worship.

With the endorsement of our Admin Council, the liturgy and sermon we will lift up the blessings and challenges of caring for God's creation.

Bible Study – a letter to the Christians in Galatia.

In a letter that is called by many "the Magna Carta of Christian liberty," the apostle Paul writes urgently to a church in crisis. The church in Galatia was beset on two sides: from Judaizers claiming that Gentiles must become Jews before becoming Christians, and from Gnostic teachers who abused Christian freedoms. With an impassioned eloquence, the Apostle Paul puts forth his doctrine of justification by grace alone. We meet via zoom on April 14th 7-8 pm Notes will be sent in our TGIM message

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It honors those who built this house, by keeping it in good repair for all who come to its doors to find peace, comfort and inspiration. Our contributions serve a world of needs, through the United Methodist Church world wide...and so much more. Our Recommended Option is to contribute online by going to the web site [Tithe.Ly](https://www.tithe.ly) or by using the [Tythe.Ly](https://www.tithe.ly) APP on your smart phone. You can also contribute using the envelope and offering plate as you leave Wesley Hall today or by mailing a check to NUMC Box 264 02554. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

The first church I served was in southwestern Connecticut, Brookfield Center. I was called to lead the building of a new church and congregation. We had the land upon which was a home designated as the parsonage and land enough to build the church next to it.

Once built, the church began to grow. Among the new people who visited was an older couple and their 20 year old adopted son. They joined the church and became very active. Months later their son had a terrible motorcycle accident and was so severely injured that he laid in a comma for over two months.

After the initial hospital stay, he was transferred to a rehab facility in a comma. I visited him every week. I read to him, and sang to him. And, at the end of every visit I would say a prayer, taking his limp hand in mine. And then, one day, I went to take my hand away, he squeezed it! It was his first physical acknowledgement of anyone's presence. I viewed this moment as nothing less than a miracle. When I got back to the parsonage I immediately called his parents and told them the exciting news "He squeezed my hand." His parents cried over the phone, thanking God and thanking the congregation for our prayers.

In the weeks that followed he came to, opened his eyes, and began to speak very hesitantly. But, week after week he slowly improved. He walked with a limp, he talked very slowly and quietly, but he was alive! A month later he came to worship with his parents. He got up and thanked everyone for their prayers amidst his own tears and those of the congregation. He said "I have experienced a resurrection because you suffered with me, and helped me come alive again."

When these kind of things happen all we can do is thank God. Over the years I recall this incredible moment as

an affirmation that God was easteri8ng people and is still doing so in our midst.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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