



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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Creation Sunday

Prelude

Isaiah Williams

Welcome & Announcements

Zona Butler

***Call to Worship**

L: Let us praise God's great mercy

C: All our needs that love await

L: You fashion all that lives

C: To each one a blessing gives

L: Come now and be our guiding Spirit this hour

***Opening Hymn**

"Morning Has Broken" No.145

Invocation (in unison)

Creator God, we gather today, to rejoice in your creation of the world. In your infinite compassion you lovingly formed our planet and all that lives within it. You declared that creation is good and entrusted us to care for it. Sometimes in our everyday lives, we forget our responsibility as caregivers of creation. And so, we come to worship to reflect on the marvels and wonders of creation, and to renew our commitment to be good stewards of the earth. Amen.

The Morning Scriptures

Our first reading is from Psalm 65

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. You who answer prayer to you all people will come. When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your

power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations. The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy. You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks, and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

***Please stand (if you are able) for the reading of the Gospel – Luke 12:15-31**

And he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God. Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very

little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

“Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” No.147

Sermon “Consider The Lilies”

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers (responsively)

Pastor: As we seek to relax our grip so that the earth, our fragile sister, might rest from our labors, help us to see our world more vividly than we have done in the past.

Congregation: Grant us vision for the challenges of this age and give us hearts full of courage for the future.

P: As we seek to be wise stewards of the gifts of the earth in timber and oil, coal, and gas, help us to know your world more humanely than we have in the past.

C: Help us learn that wisdom which we see among those wise and humble people of the earth, that we might walk with care and reverence so as to caress our fair sister.

P: Sharing God, draw us to contemplation and silence so that we might see, in wonder, our lives intertwined with the squirrels and the cardinal, the creatures great and small, the beauty of each season. Help us to see the birth, growth, death, and rebirth so as to give us courage

in the ongoing creation of our Creator.

C: Deepen our faith and enliven our thinking, nourish our bodies and strengthen our souls, that we may be your message in the world, your servants for the common wellness of the earth. Make us weavers of a new order, crafters of a new earth.

P: May we live in the footsteps of Jesus, in the love with earth, and with our brothers, and sisters. Give us a measure of the Spirit that these commitments we make before you might make our work holy.

C: Let us go forth from this sacred ark with steady hand uplifted heart, with clear eye and alert mind, with firm step, and willing hands. May we arrive at fresh springs of renewal through God's holy Word, in our communities of faith, and in deep solidarity with all creation.

P: Amen. Let all the creation hear and bear witness. Amen

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**

"I Sing The Mighty Power of God" No.152

Blessing Chelsea-Ann and Khloe Welch

***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

We worship this Sunday with planet Earth. We join the Psalmists and rejoice with Earth. We sing with Earth, our planet home spinning through space. We celebrate Earth as a sacred place, a sanctuary filled with God's presence, and you are here to celebrate with us. Thanks be to God.

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 raise your hand and one of our leaders will place it on the pulpit for you.

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..

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Bible Study

Notes are available for this week's discussion of St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia, our study/discussion is this Wednesday at 7pm via zoom. The notes will be sent to our email list tomorrow.

Seeking A Live-in Provider

We have received an email from Magda Moran asking for a warm-hearted person to act as a support for a disabled person on Island. If you know of someone who can take advantage of this state-funded program, please be in touch with Magda at 774-404-4081.

Next Week's Worship

Our worship next Sunday will emphasize the healing our country and the world needs, from the virus, from racial unrest, from personal fears and anxieties .

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

“The earth is what we all have in common” wrote Wendell Berry. April 22nd is commended as World Earth Day to exhibit support for the wellbeing of the Earth and raise open mindfulness about the issue. Since 1970, over 190 nations, have signed on to an agreement to work together on this critical issue.

Basically, the accord has one thing in mind – to get countries to work together on ways that will diminish the emanation of ozone harming substances into the climate. Not easy given where international relations are these days. We can hope and pray that more and more countries are realizing how important it is to cooperate steps, laws, protocols which will contribute to a healthier planet.

And what is our interest? The psalmist says it for us – (Because) “The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof.” Caring for God’s creation is in our ethical DNA. It is worth praying about, hoping for, and doing anything and everything we can imagine that would help reverse what is hurting our planet.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

8 Simple Things You Can Do to Help Protect the Earth

- Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what **you** throw away. ...
- Volunteer. Volunteer for cleanups in your community.
- ...
- Educate. ...
- **Conserve** water. ...
- Choose sustainable. ...
- Shop wisely. ...
- Use long-lasting light bulbs. ...
- Plant a tree.

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