



**Nantucket**  
**United Methodist Church**  
Sunday August 15, 2021  
10:00am  
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard  
Pastor  
[NantucketUMC.org](http://NantucketUMC.org)



**Please rise for the Gospel reading**

**Our Gospel is From John, chapter 6:51-58**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn**

How Firm A Foundation v.1-3 No. 529

**The Sermon "Abiding In The Word"      Dr. Richard**

**The Morning Prayers**

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Call To Offering**

**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*

## **Prayer of Thanks**

### **Closing Hymn**

O Church of God United No. 547

### **The Blessing**

**Elizabeth Eldridge**

### **Choral Benediction**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,  
Know he will guide in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see  
God will be there, watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love, Amen*

Leader: And the people all said

**Congregation: Amen**

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### **Welcome**

This is God's time, let us rejoice in it! Welcome to all who come to be nourished and encouraged in faith.

### **Accompanist**

Anuraag Pendyal is our accompanist starting today. Anuraag was our accompanist the summer of 2019. A graduate of the University of North Carolina and a resident of New Orleans, Anuraag is a highly accomplished musician with a love of many different musical genres and can often be heard playing some amazing New Orleans jazz. He plays at a number of Nantucket venues and teaches piano at the Nantucket Music Center. Welcome back Anuraag!

### **Our Reader**

Elizabeth is a member of our church, serving on the Outreach Committee and Tech committee; she is working on her master's degree at Anna Maria College.

**Flowers This Morning**

The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Irene Nickerson, by her granddaughter Karen Gibbs. Irene was a lifelong member of this church.

**Are You A Visitor?**

Please make yourself known to us. There are yellow visitor information cards in your pew. Feel free to fill it in and drop it in the offering plate.

**For Your Safety...**

Everyone regardless of vaccination status must wear a mask at all times when inside the church building. We are using our hymnals. We have hand sanitizer available, if you wish to use it.

**On-line Visitors**

Welcome to our on-line attendees. Let us hear from you. We want to connect in whatever ways possible with those unable to be physically with us.

**Did You Know?**

Our COC (Community Outreach Committee) wants you to know that the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church include training programs for organic gardening, in an effort to reduce hunger and increase safe farming in Brazil? We do. And the money we give each year as part of our church's apportionment.

**Next Week**

As part of the worship service next week we will re-dedicate our sanctuary, in celebration of the recent painting and carpet projects just completed.

**Wednesday Prayers**

During the Summer our Wednesday gatherings will change this week. We will have a round table discussion of news items that raise questions of their relationship (or not) to the Gospel.

### **What Does My Financial Contribution to NUMC Do?**

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 during the weekly collection or by using the envelope and offering plate as you leave. You may also mail a check to NUMC Box 264 02554. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

## **From My Heart To Yours...**

Dear Friends,

The advice of theologian Karl Barth was that we preach and teach with a bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. He believed the relevancy of our preaching and teaching is directly related to the news of the day.

In a large sister church in Mansfield Ohio a colleague of mine started a discussion group with Barth's idea in mind, The group was asked to bring a newspaper article to the table each week, where the questions or discussions it encouraged would celebrate or disregard the Gospel.

I visited that church as a guest preached and visited the group of about 20 men and women. What a stimulating discussion! People were engaged in discussing how to relate the Gospel to the news.

You are invited to a similar discussion starting this Wednesday. Pick out an issue or article that you believe raises questions or affirms the relevance of the Gospel. And then...come on zoom Wednesday night from 7-8pm via zoom and let's talk about it!

Grace and Peace,  
Tom

## Directory

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