



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday August 22, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost
August 22, 2021
Gathering in God's Presence...

Prelude **Anuraag Pendyal**

Welcome & Announcements **Zona Butler**

***Call To Worship (please stand)**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down

Congregation: Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker

Leader: For God is our creator

Congregation: And we are God's creative people

Leader: Sing to the Lord, and let the heavens rejoice!

***Opening Hymn (please stand)**

All Things Bright and Beautiful No.147

***Invocation (in unison, please stand)**

Almighty God, you are good and gracious, and the source of our goodness. You are the "hound of heaven," always reaching, always searching, always inviting us to travel with you. We come this morning seeking to hear the songs of Your heart. Giver us attentive ears, warm hearts, and willing hands and feet, to follow your Son Jesus, Amen.

The Morning Scriptures (be seated)

Psalm 145: 1-13

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger

and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

***Please rise for the Gospel (please stand)**

Luke 14:16-24

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn (please stand)**

Come Christians Join And Sing No. 158

Sermon The Banquet of Life

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

A moment of silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

Call to Offering

Solo Here I Am **Sylvester Baptiste**

***Doxology (please stand)**

***Prayer of Thanks (please stand)**

Closing Hymn

Take My Life And Let It Be No. 399

***The Blessing (please stand) Zona Butler**

***Choral Benediction (please stand)**

God be with you til we meet again

By his counsel uphold you

With his sheep secure fold you

God be with you til we meet again

Leader: And the people all said

Congregation: Amen

A Warm Welcome

This is a day that God has made. The Almighty is the host of this hour, so you are welcomed not as a member of this church, not as a visitor, or stranger, but as people who have accepted God's invitation. May you be blessed for having been here.

Our Reader

Zona Butler has served this church for over 30 years and held various leadership roles. At present, she is the chair-person of the Administrative Council.

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.

Prayer Requests

Each week we include in your bulletin a slip upon which you may request prayers. Simply fill it out and place it on the pulpit, and it will be included in the morning prayers.

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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.

Did You Know?

Our COC (Community Outreach Committee) wants you to know that in the apportionment we contribute to the Global Ministries of the Methodist Church, some of the most dire circumstances in the world (including Haiti) are getting the much-needed attention and aid. Thank you for supporting this church's outreach!

Flowers From Your Garden

Do you want to honor or remember someone? Providing flowers for a worship service is a wonderful way to do so. Speak to Kathie Batchelder or call the church office and let us help you find a date.

From My Heart to Yours...

Dear Friends,

My two oldest brothers, Karl and Christian, were chefs. As young boys they started as kitchen help in restaurants here on Nantucket. Years later they ended their careers as Executive Chefs. Both of them also had catering businesses on the side. I worked for one of them one summer. (You have heard the wisdom of “don’t ever work for your relatives?”). To say the least, it was hard labor!

What happened as a result of that experience, however, was the ability to secure a job during my last year of high school with a Jewish caterer, who did bat and bar mitzvas, where I learned a great deal more about preparing for a banquet. That was followed by a year as the “cook and bottle washer” at a local café during college. That was followed by attendance at hundreds of wedding and funeral receptions.

You learn a lot working these jobs, and attending these events. I don’t remember any which lacked guests! The parable we are reading this morning, has several layers to it, as all of Jesus’ parables do. It is about being prepared for guests, serving the “public,” persistence, doing things well, not ceasing to open one’s doors to guests, ie. being invitational. The banquet to which we are inviting people is life-changing.

Grace and Shalom.

Tom

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