



Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
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10:00am  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 16, 2020

**Prelude** **Caroline Butler**

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

## \* Call to Worship

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you

**Congregation: And also with you**

Leader: Let us praise the matchless One, servants of God

**Congregation: There is none like God, in haven or on earth**

## \*Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

CREATION

**Morning Has Broken** 145

*Unison*

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with lyrics underneath and a bass clef staff below. The first system has five measures with chords C, F, C, Am, and Dm/F. The second system has five measures with chords D7/F#, C/G, F, G7, and C. The lyrics are: 'Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den, Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing, Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!'.

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

God of grace and glory, we seek to give you our hearts and minds this hour. Receive our worship and hear our petitions, for the sake of him who has loved us, and loves us still, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**\*This Morning's Scriptures**

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Acts 2:15-20

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you<sup>[a]</sup> known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn “Christ For The World We Sing” No. 568**

CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

Christ for the World We Sing 568

1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to

Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born

them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,  
 sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

**The Sermon** “A Diversity That God Wills” 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*

**\*Dedication of Our Gifts and Offering\***

**\*A Hymn of Commitment “Lift Every Voice And Sing” No. 579**

## 579 Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1. Lord God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for  
 2. We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and  
 3. Lord God, in Christ you call our name, and then re - ceive us  
 4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and  
 5. Lord God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made; your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though  
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by  
 as your own; not through some mer - it, right, or claim, but  
 call us friends; suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and  
 joy to share; give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to

marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed; we come, with all our  
 so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems  
 by your gra - cious love a - lone; we strain to glimpse your  
 show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -  
 turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.  
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
 mer - cy seat, and find you kneel - ing at our feet.  
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.  
 faith can do, while love is mak - ing all things new.

## **\*The Blessing**

### **\*Choral Benediction**

*"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*

*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*

\*Please stand if you are able

### **Welcome**

This hour is a critical one for Christians. It is when we bring not only the cares of the world to God's altar, but we bring our own joys and sorrows; as well as ask for empowerment to be bold in our discipleship. We are so glad to have you join our worship!

### **Are You A Visitor?**

We would like to send you a personal note of welcome. There are blank information cards in the foyer to fill out before you leave, to take with you, and bring or send it back to us. (There are disinfected pens available.)

### **Your Financial Support is Important**

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## **Flowers**

The fresh floral arrangements this month have been the work of Megan Soverino, a floral designer on the Island. Thank you so much Megan! If you wish to provide flowers from your garden to enhance our worship, please let the pastor know.

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

Dear Friends,

In the last several months, as a result of historic events happening that have triggered a new awakening to facts and hope, there is much to think about and work to do when it comes to diversity and unity.

This morning I want us to go deeper in our thinking about both of these critical topics; to put aside for a few moments (if that is possible) the political rhetoric, and look at the "The Good Book" as Peter Gomes, former long time chaplain of Memorial Chapel at Harvard, called his best seller on the Bible.

The disunity and divisiveness of these historical times dictate that we Christians renew our marching orders so that we might have more of an influence in sharing the very virtues that have been part of our sermon topics this Summer. We need to think and act beyond the fray, and re-calibrate our ministry and work for a new day.

I hope today's message helps you understand and re-commit yourselves to a unity and diversity which God not only wills, but supports in the ministry of Jesus Christ and with the ever present help of the Holy Spirit. through you and me.

Grace and Peace

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