

Nantucket United Methodist Church Sunday August 23, 2020 10:00am Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard Pastor

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Prelude Welcome Announcements

Caroline Butler

* 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





*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

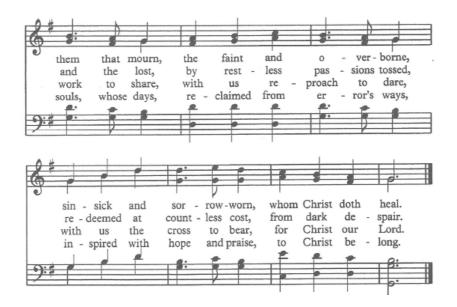
"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

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 and they 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





The Sermon "A Diversity That God Wills" Dr Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests Silent Meditation Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

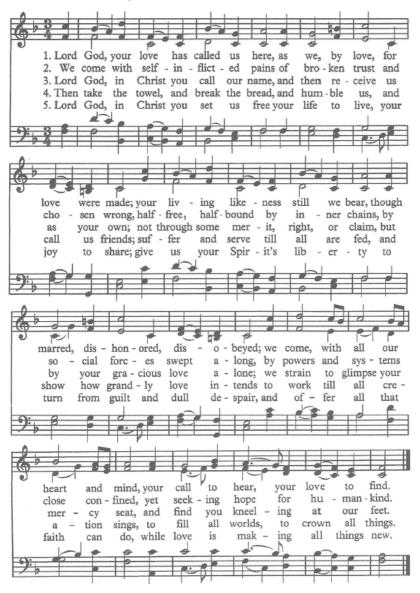
Call To Offering

*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



*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.

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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 recommit 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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