



Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday August 30, 2020  
10:00am  
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Pastor

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## Prelude

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me God No. 480

## Welcome

## Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Congregation: And the love of God,**

Leader: And the communion of the Holy Spirit

**Congregation: Be with us**

### \*Opening Hymn "I Love To Tell The Story" No.156

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## I Love to Tell the Story

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a -  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it  
3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re -  
4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it

bove, of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his  
seems than all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en  
peat what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly  
best seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis  
dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for  
sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er  
rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 me; and that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.  
 heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,  
 to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**\*Invocation (in unison)**

***God of love and mercy, we thank you for this hour apart, for the gift of worship, for the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Gather us in, dear God, that all is said or sung may enlighten our minds and bend our souls toward heaven, and you. In Christ's name, Amen***

**\*This Morning's Scriptures**

**Psalm 26: 1-8** Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered. Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness. I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites. I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD, proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds. LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

**Romans 12: 9-12**

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**The Gospel Matthew 16: 21-28**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life <sup>[a]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" No. 175**

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee      175

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

**The Sermon "Love As A Long Legato" 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. 519**

**519 Lift Every Voice and Sing**

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
 we have come, tread-ing our path thru the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac-ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad-owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

**\*Benediction (in unison)**

***We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek just and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.***

**\*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**

You bless us with your physical or on-line presence,. If you are a visitor be sure to leave us your contact information and we will send you the invitation and other news on a weekly basis.

**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. The beautiful arrangements in the front of the church are Megan as work as well.

### **Bible Study Resumes**

Our first Fall on-line bible study begins Sep. 9th 7-8pm. It is a wonderful way to spend an hour in a covid 19 at home environment. If you are one who does not receive our weekly email for worship, please let Dr. Richard know, and we will add you to our worship and bible study list.

### **A Return To The Liturgical Calendar**

This morning we return to the liturgical calendar for our weekly worship readings from the Old and New Testaments. The purpose of this three-year cycle is to give us a more complete overview of the entire Bible.

### **The Benediction...**

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

Dear Friends,

For the next two months we will be inundated with political news and ads. When these election cycles occur Christian citizenship becomes critical. It's not easy balancing church and state concerns. I would ask one important thing of you. Prayerfully consider the ethics of Jesus with the realities that we face. Some years ago there was groundswell of young people wearing WWJD bracelets. While commendable, it was a marketing fad that did not last. I suspect those who wore them did not fully understand how deep a question "**What Jesus Would Do**" really was and still is. The question is a difficult one. If we as Christians are going to live as Christ would have us, then concluding that "My politics is one concern, my faith life is something else," is not enough. As builders of the kingdom of God with Christ we must consider what Christ would have us do about "loving kindness, serving justice, and walking humbly with God.". My prayers are with you as you answer that primary question.

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