



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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First Sunday of Christmastide
December 27, 2020

Prelude **Mollie Glazer**

Welcome & Announcements **Zona Butler**

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord God be with you

Congregation: And also with you

Leader: Open your minds and hearts to God

Congregation: The Lord help to do so.

Opening Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard On High” No. 238

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide the magi to the holy child, we know that we have always followed the light of your word. We have not always searched for signs of your love for your world. We have expected little and hoped for less, and refused your Son’s peace on earth. Forgive our doubt, renew in us the loftier desires so we may once more hear and bear the glad story of the light that illumines our lives, even Jesus Christ.

This Morning’s Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake
I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salva-
tion like a blazing torch.

The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your
glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of
the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in
the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the
time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusa-
lem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born
king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have
come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he
was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had
called together all the people's chief priests and teachers
of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be
born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is
what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the
land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd
my people Israel." Then Herod called the Magi secretly
and found out from them the exact time the star had ap-
peared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and
search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him,
report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After
they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the
star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until
it stopped over the place where the child was. When they
saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the
house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they
bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their
treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankin-
cense and myrrh. And having been warned in a
dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their
country by another route.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

"We Three Kings" No. 254

The Sermon "The Star Within You" 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 Offerings

***Closing Hymn**

"Joy To The World" No. 246

***The Blessing**

***Choral Benediction**

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

***Amen (and the people all said....Amen!)**

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome

What a day! What a week! What a year! We are so happy that you have joined us for this last Sunday of a year. You are welcome!

Are You A Visitor?

If you have joined us by zoom as a visitor, we would like to send you a personal note of welcome. Please send us your contact information by calling 508-228-1882 and leaving a message, or by e-mailing drtmrichard@gmail.com

Welcome Back Mollie

Mollie Glazer is our second accompanist, filling in this morning for her son, Isaiah Williams. We are delighted to see and hear you, Mollie!

Your Financial Support is Important

We are a small congregation and so appreciate those who are moved to support our ministry. This is your opportunity not only to support this local ministry, but the Methodist Church's national and international presence in places of great need. Using your iPhone you can download and use the app "Tithe.ly" (please note how it is spelled, so that you download the correct app). Or you can go to our website www.NantucketUMC.org and donate.

A New Administrative Year

As of this coming weekend we begin a new church administrative year. You will see the changes in the Directory below. Thank you to those who have renewed their commitment to leadership positions, and those who have made new ones.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

These holiday times bring on intense emotions, especially this year, when there were a number of our loved ones who were not with us – whether for safe distancing or other health reasons – or, because we are grieving their loss since last Christmas.

We have once again laid upon the altars of our hearts, our joys and sorrows, our hopes and disappointments; and perhaps even our anger and anxieties.

By the end of this week I'm sure we will all be prepared to turn the calendar over to a new year, and pray (deeply pray) that God will be urging us on to not just a new year, but a new mind, heart, and soul.

If anything is apparent, it is the knowledge that we are given an opportunity to do things differently, to find new and creative ways to be disciples of Christ in 2021.

There is no going back. Of that I am certain. We have been changed. I for one am ready to do all I can to encourage you to face this new year bravely, expecting some bumps in the road, but fully expecting that God is with us – not passively, but actively, not as a by-stander but one filled with hope that the new year will be filled with light and insight.

May we honor our calling in the new year.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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