



**Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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Pastor**

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Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021

Prelude Mollie Glazer

Welcome Elizabeth Eldridge

***Call to Worship**

L: Immortal invisible God only wise

C: In light inaccessible hid from our eyes

L: Most blessed most glorious ancient of days

C: Almighty victorious your great name we praise

L: You reign in glory, you dwell in light

C: Your angels adore you, while veiling their sight

L: We praise we would render, and help us to see

C: Its only the splendor of light that hides Thee

***Opening Hymn**

“O Worship The King” No. 73

Invocation (in unison)

Holy God, we come to worship, to remember that upon the mountain, you revealed our Messiah, who fulfilled both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our paths, that we may dare to suffer with him in service to humanity. Gather us in his holy name, Amen

The Morning Scriptures

Our first reading is from II Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. - The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan.⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

This morning's reading from the Psalms, is from Psalm 50 verses 1-6

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: “Gather to me this consecrated people, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.” and the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.

*Will you please stand for the Gospel - Mark 9 verses 2-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

"Christ Upon The Mountain Peak" No.260

Sermon "Love Flourishes In The Clouds" Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering

(for those present in Wesley Hall there is an offering plate at the door for your use)

***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**

“Jesus Shall Reign” No. 157

***The Blessing**

***Choral Benediction “God Be with You”**

*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
And The People All Said, “Amen”

Welcome

Good morning! Welcome to the United Methodist Church's worship hour, the most important hour of the week.

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Thank You ..

Another friend of our church has contributed to the parsonage window project. Thank you so much. With these special gifts our parsonage windows will be replaced with energy-saving ones. If you contribute by check, simply write the check to the church, and designate it for "Window Project."

February is Black History Month

Zona Butler continues to help us celebrate Black history Month with remembrances of those who have blessed the efforts to fight racism.

This Wednesday

Some of our members and friends were raised in the tradition of receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday. This Wednesday at 7pm in the Sanctuary, our pastor will be available to those who wish to begin their Lent with this Rite.

Lent Book Discussion

We are discussing Bishop Michael Curry's book, "Love Is The Way" via zoom. Our first zoom discussion is on Feb 24 7-8pm Chapters 1-4

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From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Today is transfiguration Sunday, which marks the last Sunday before the season of Lent. The Gospel of Mark describes what happened. Jesus' garments become a dazzling white in the presence of the disciples Peter, James, and John.

The presence of Moses and Elijah remind us that Jesus stands in line with the great leaders of Israel. It also symbolizes the fulfillment of the law and the prophets through his life, death, and resurrection. The transfiguration also recalls the encounter between Moses and God on My Sinai. In Paul's letter to the Corinthian Christians we are told that while Moses' face had to be veiled after encountering the Lord, through Christ you and I are given freedom to encounter God boldly. Jesus has torn the veil between earth and heaven, and invites us to enter the new covenant through faith.

I look forward to being with you this, our first Lenten season together.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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