



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday February 20, 2022
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
NantucketUMC.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP
7th Sunday of Epiphany
February 20, 2022

Prelude	Mollie Glazer
Welcome & Announcements	Susan Renzulli
Black History month heroine	Barbara Hillary

***Call to Worship—please stand**

L: Trust in God and do good, and you will be able to dwell in the land and enjoy security

C: We shall be still before God, and wait patiently, refraining from anger and forsaking wrath

L: Come to this hour humble and hopeful

C: We come with open minds and open hearts

***Opening Hymn – Please stand**

God of Love God of Power No. 578

***Invocation (in unison) – Please stand**

Lord, may we know the presence of the Holy Spirit here with us today. May we be open to your leading, sensitive to you speaking and alert to your calling. Merciful savior, we invite the same power that was at work when Jesus was raised from the grave to be present with us here now. Lord, we declare that you are welcome here amongst us. Amen.

The Morning Scriptures – Please be seated

Psalm 37:1-11 (responsively) p. 772

***The Gospel According to Luke 6:27-38**

“But to you who are listening I say:
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. “If you love those

who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – Please stand**

Take Time To Be Holy No.395

The Sermon – Please be seated

Love Your Enemies

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers – Please be seated

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering – please be seated

***Doxology – please stand**

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 – please stand**

***Closing Hymn – Please stand**

Help Us Accept Each Other (vs. 1 & 4) No. 560

***The Blessing – Please stand**

Susan Renzulli

***Choral Benediction (in unison) – Please stand**

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid,

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,

Know he will guide in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others, so all the world can see

God will be there, watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love, Amen

Leader: And the people all said

Congregation: Amen!

Welcome

From our earliest religious traditions, the power of the Holy Spirit has brought people together for worship. And when this occurred, things happened and still do. When voices were raised, words were spoken with purpose, people were blessed by others' presence. We hope you come to this hour expecting a blessing and to be a blessing.

Our Reader

Susan Renzuilli is an active member of our church. She is a Sales Associate with Wm. Raveis Real Estate office.

Prayer Requests

Please use the prayer request cards that are in your bulletin. Write down the name(s) of those you would like included in our morning prayers, and place the request on the pulpit.

Confirmation Class

Our confirmands meet on Mondays 6pm via zoom

Are You A Visitor?

Please make yourself known to us. There are yellow visitor information cards in your pew. Feel free to fill it in and drop it in the offering plate.

Food Pantry Donations

This morning we are initiating our once-a-month collection of non-perishable items for our food pantry. If you have brought donations please place them in the box marked, located to the left as you enter Wesley Hall. For those off island, if you would like to make a cash donation we can use to buy items on your behalf, please contact Rev. Tom.

For Your Safety...

If you are fully vaccinated, wearing of masks inside is optional. If you are not fully vaccinated, wearing of masks is required. We are using our hymnals. We have hand sanitizer available, if you wish to use it. If you did not do so when you entered, please sign the worshipper's list on the table in the foyer. It is a commitment your trustees have made to be sure we are keeping you safe. Please be sure to sign in the event we need to conduct contact tracing.

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Dear Friends,

My brother Clayton is a car-racing fanatic. So much so, that I would wager that he could recount moment-by-moment the dramatic ending of the Daytona 500 in 1979. A hundred thousand fans watched, Richard Petty end a 45-race losing streak and picked up stock racing's biggest purse--\$73,500. It all happened at the Daytona 500. Petty's win, however, was a complete surprise.

Going into the last lap, Petty was running 30 seconds behind the two leaders. All of a sudden, the car in second place tried to pass the No. 1 car. This caused the first car to drift inside and forced the challenger onto the infield grass, and slightly out of control. What happened next was incredible. The offended driver pulled his car back onto the track, caught up with the leader, and forced him into the outside wall.

Both vehicles came to a screeching halt. The two drivers jumped out and quickly got into an old-fashioned slug-ging match. In the meantime, third-place Petty cruised by them for the win. The headline in the media the next day was "Petty Wins By Revenge."

I'm sure there was a lot of blaming and shaming going on between the 1st and 2nd placers. A different version of loving your enemies, right?

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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