



**Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday February 21, 2021
10:00am
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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Prelude Mollie Glazer

Welcome Zona Butler

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come praising and thanking God

Congregation: Who forgives our wrongdoings

Leader: We come praising and thanking God

Congregation: For the Almighty's mercy is everlasting

Leader: Thanks be to God

Congregation: Glory to God in the highest!

***Opening Hymn**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No.731

Invocation (in unison)

O God, open unto us Your wisdom and truth. Open unto us the depth of Your compassion and Your Hope.

Open unto us Your undying justice, mercy, and love.

For we come to worship opening ourselves to You, in Christ's name, Amen

The Morning Scriptures Sylvester Baptiste

Our first reading is from the book of Psalms, number 25 verses 1-10

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for

you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Our second reading is the second letter of Peter, chapter 3, verses 18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

***Will you rise (if able) for the reading of the Gospel, from John 9:1-12**

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put

it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others

said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

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

A Hymn

"Amazing Grace: No. 378

Sermon "The Blind Man "

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

***The Affirmation**

We believe in God, creator of the world and all people. And in Jesus, incarnate among us, who died and rose again. And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide and comfort. We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom. In the upholding of human dignity and community. In every expression of love,

justice, and reconciliation. In each act of self-giving on behalf of others. In the abundance of God's gifts. Entrusted to us, that all may have enough. In all responsible use of the earth's resources. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace.

***Closing Hymn**

"Lord, Who Through These Forty Days" No.269

***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

Welcome. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. We hope you will join us for this 40 day journey of faith. It will bless your life, and you will bless us as well.

For Your Safety...

We are committed to the following safety guidelines.

*Wear a mask, *Use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter Wesley Hall, *Sign in for worship (include a phone # please) *Use the hymnal with your name on it, or put your name on one.

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.

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

Affirmations

Each week during Lent we will close our worship with affirmations from our Methodist tradition, as well as from early as well as modern Christian liturgy. This morning's affirmation is from the World Methodist Social Affirmation.

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Lenten Messages

This Sunday is the first in the Lenten period. Our pastor is creating a series of messages the general title of which is "Meeting Jesus For the First Time" For some of those he has chosen it was not their first encounter with Jesus. But, as you will see, meeting Jesus was a new experience every time anyone encountered him. As we

share those encounters, we hope they will encourage your relationship with Jesus Christ.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

I have just read an article in a magazine, entitled. "The Black Church: A Story of Grace and Survival" highlighting the spiritual elements Black people carried with them from Africa. Within the article is also the background work the historian Dr. Louis Gates did for a four-hour television special called "This is Our Story, This is our Song." LeeAnne and I have watched the first segment, and are ready to watch the second.

To produce this film Gates interviewed 62 people including Oprah Winfrey, Bishop Michael Curry, John Legend, Al Sharpton, Scholar Cornel West, Shirley Caesar, Yolanda Adams, and many more.

Its inspirational, to say the least. Not only is the commentary heartening, but the music is amazing! This is not Gates' first film (he's done 22 others, but don't miss this one). You will see it advertised both on radio and television.

The point that Gates wants to make in this film is that "the process of religious formation in America was not a break from the African past. The spiritual elements Black people carried with them from Africa provided the foundation for what would become Black Christianity."

Viewing Gates' film is a perfect way to celebrate Black history Month.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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