



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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Pastor

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Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021

Prelude	Mollie Glazer
Welcome & Announcements	Zona Butler
Black history Month Celebration	Zona Butler

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God, to learn again who you are
Congregation: We come as God's children, longing for a closer walk with God

Leader: Come people of faith, to learn again that you are free, remembering the
One who gives you that freedom

Congregation: We worship as God's own, knowing God meets us where we are

***Opening Hymn**

"Open My Eyes That I May See" No. 454

Invocation (in unison)

Wise and wonderful God, whose truth extends beyond the ranges of our questions, and whose mercy forgives our deepest mistakes, hear today our prayers, and songs, and words of hope. Have compassion on us, and meet us here. Encourage us to continue our journey toward health and wholeness and may every prayer, and every hand extended to others, represent your Son, Jesus, Amen

The Morning Scriptures

Our first reading is from the book of Psalms 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear

You I will fulfill my vows. The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise him— may your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him — those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

***Will you rise (if able) for the reading of the Gospel,
from Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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

A Hymn

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory" (vs. 1-3) No. 295

Sermon "Mary and Martha"

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**

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory" (vs. 4 & 5) No.295

***Today's Affirmation**

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 to 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 justice and resist evil

To proclaim Jesus , crucified and risen

Our judge and our hope, in life, in death, and life beyond

God is with us, we are not alone

Thanks be to God!

***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 second Sunday in Lent, a 40 day journey of faith. We are so glad to have you join us! We hope this hour blesses your life..

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.

Thank You Mollie

For the past three Sundays Mollie Glazer has been our accompanist. We are so fortunate to have her and her son Isaiah, two extraordinary musicians, accompanying our worship. Isaiah will be back with us next week.

February is Black History Month

Our thanks to Zona Butler for helping us celebrate Black History Month.

This Wednesday

We will celebrate a short evening vespers via Zoom from 7 -8 pm This is a wonderful way to end a day. The back of your bulletin has the connecting information,

Affirmations

Each week during Lent we will close our worship with affirmations from our Methodist tradition as well as from early and modern Christian liturgy. This morning's affirmation is from our sister churches in the United Church of Canada.

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Lenten Messages

This Sunday's sermon is the second in the series our pastor has titled, "Meeting Jesus For the First Time." For some of those personalities 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,

This past week we reached a startling, disappointing, and unimaginable number of deaths attributed to the covid 19 pandemic.

Many have probably become numb to this reality that has been advertised daily on network news.

On our weekly clergy call with our District Superintendent, colleagues shared some stories about how these deaths have affected their parishes, either because members of their congregations are counted in those numbers, or others whose families are among them. The sorrow and grief has been compounded with dramatic expressions of loss, when death has come to their loved ones without them.

Remarkably, there have been front-line nurses and doctors who have stood in for them. Don't miss this...try to imagine what people have gone through to have been thankful for those instances in which someone stood in for them, when their loved one passed. And then, imagine how others felt when they realized that no one was with them when they passed.

500,000 souls! That number is greater than most towns and cities of our country. In fact it's a milestone so large that the number of Americans who have died compared to just two other events in U.S. history: the 1918 Spanish influenza pandemic (675,000 lives lost) and the Civil War (between 618,000 - 750,000 lives).

What I have been thankful for is that most TV networks have put names to at least a few of those who have died. I watch and listen to their stories and say a prayer for their loved ones. By doing so, we inherit part of the liberated souls of those lost, and in a very real way we become richer in their humanness.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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