



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
February 7, 2021

Prelude Mollie Glazer

Welcome Zona Butler

Call to Worship

Leader: O God of light and love

Congregation: Light a candle in my heart

Leader: O God of infinite wisdom

Congregation: Light a candle in my mind

Leader: O God of love

Congregation: Light a candle in my soul

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, gather us, hearts, minds, and souls, to worship You this and every hour.

***Opening Hymn** "O Christ The Healer" No.265

Invocation (in unison)

Almighty and ever-present God, you listen to our hearts, and enter into our pains and our joys. Give comfort to those who need it, Give joy to those who feel blessed, and a quiet confidence to those who are searching for direction. We bring all of these emotions to worship, asking for the influence of Your Son, Jesus, Amen.

The Morning Scriptures

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:28-31-

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, chapter 9, verses 16-23;

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel. Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

A Reading From the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1, verses 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door,³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed:

“Everyone is looking for you!” Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Homily “Naming Is A Difficult Matter” 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

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have wasted precious time and energy on the gods of security, consumerism, and nationalism, when the entire world needs the message of hope borne by your Son. Forgive us our distractions and bring us to focus again, on who we are to be as your people. Amen

Invitation

Communion Hymn “Remember Me” No. 491

Sharing of the elements (you are invited to come forward and retrieve the elements of cup and bread , return to your seats and we will partake together.)

Prayer of Thanks

Closing Hymn “A Charge To Keep I Have” No. 413”

The Blessing

Choral Benediction “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*

Welcome

This is an important sabbath day for us. We are offering members, friends and guests physical presence for worship. We welcome you!

For Your Safety...

We are committed to the following guidelines.

*Wear a mask

*use the sanitizer provided

*Sign in for worship (include a phone # please)

*Use the hymnal with your name on it, or put your name of one with blue tape

*While difficult, please sing or hum with your mask on

*We have arranged safe-distance seating.

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

We practice an "open" communion table, which means we invite any and all to share this sacrament with us.

Thank You ..

We continue to get special gifts from members and friends, for our parsonage window project. Thank you so much. With it all of the 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

Starting this morning and in subsequent Sundays of the month, we will hear some of the history of our black sisters and brothers from Zona Butler.

This Wednesday

A time of prayer and reflection 7-8pm on zoom. Use the same connecting options that you do for this worship service.

Lent Book Discussion

The "The Way of Love" is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity. **We will discuss the book on Wednesday nights** during Lent. It is written by Methodist Bishop Michael Curry. If you want to read the book please let Tom or Kathy know. We will order a copy for you.

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FROM MY HEART TO YOURS...

Dear Friends,

Today is the fifth and last Sunday of Epiphany, the climax of Christmastide. The term “epiphany” in Greek means “to manifest” or “to show.” Today’s lectionary readings are from the prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Mark. Isaiah assures people that God gives strength to the faint-hearted. The Gospel lesson records the beginning of Jesus’ ministry of healing.

When Epiphany began weeks ago, we were recalling the story of the wisemen and the spread of the Gospel to the world. We affirmed that Jesus is the eternal word of God that is spoken in the darkness of this world, and that we are the ones to insure the prophecy that Christ’s light will never be overcome by darkness.

One cause of darkness in the world is the subject of one of our nation’s celebrations this month. February is black history month. May the light of Christ shine on us in such a way that we are enlightened, inspired, and taught (again) that **all people** are blessed by the life, ministry, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. And may we participate in shedding that light.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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