



Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday January 23, 2022  
10:00am  
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard  
Pastor  
[NantucketUMC.org](http://NantucketUMC.org)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Prelude**

**Mollie Glazer**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Dr. Richard**

**\*Call to Worship—please stand**

**Zona Butler**

L: God has made this day, rejoice and be glad in it

**C: We come to worship a living God!**

L: To God, fountain of life, living word, spirit of holiness...

**C: We come to give God the glory, always!**

**\*Opening Hymn – Please stand**

Lord Speak To Me No. 463

**Invocation (in unison) – Please be seated**

**Touch our lives, O God, as we worship here this morning. Cast your Spirit upon us. Plant dreams in our hearts, re-ignite our hope for this new year, revive our strength, and refresh our faith. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.**

**The Morning Scriptures – Please be seated**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8—10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel...

Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.... And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.... So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation.

They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

**\*Please rise for the Gospel reading**

**Luke 4:14-21**

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. he has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**\*A Hymn – Please stand**

Open My Eyes That I May See No. 454

**The Sermon – Please be seated**

"Christ's Ministry, Our Ministry"

**Dr. Richard**

**The Morning Prayers – {lease 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**

**Installation of Leadership Team**

**\*Closing Hymn – Please stand**

Forth In Thy Name No. 438

**\*The Blessing – Please stand**

**\*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**

This is a blessed day for us because you are here with us, to worship God, to sing for God, and be blessed by the Spirit.

**Our Reader**

Zona Butler has served this church for over 30 years in many of the leadership positions. She is the retiring chairperson of the Administrative Council of the church and a frequent lay reader.

**Installation of Leaders**

This morning we are commissioning our leaders at the beginning of this new administrative year.

**Fellowship Moments**

Following worship there are light refreshments available, including coffee, tea, and hot apple cider. Everything has been carefully individually wrapped for your safety. Please take a few moments to enjoy each other's company.

**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.

**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...**

In accordance with the latest Town guidance, even if you are fully vaccinated, wearing of masks inside is required. If you are not fully vaccinated, wearing of masks is also 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.

**What Does My Financial Contribution to NUMC Do?**

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Dear Friends,

As most of you know First Congregational Church (FCC) is in search for a Senior Minister. Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn is retiring March 1<sup>st</sup>. Immediately after their parsonage is vacated, they have hired people to do some needed work on it before a new minister is chosen.

Searching for a minister to serve for up to several months was not feasible for FCC. Although the church's search committee has narrowed candidates down to four, there is much work needed yet, to complete their search.

I was approached by FCC to see if I might be willing to look at our two churches worshipping together for 2-3 months enabling FCC to finish their selection process.

Being part-time for UMC is an obvious benefit that has made me think this idea is possible. We are talking about a couple months to several months that FCC might need pastoral services (worship, emergencies, weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc).

I asked our church leaders to join in a zoom call last Tuesday about helping FCC. All of those on the call gave their blessing to the possibility. Many questions arose. I proposed to FCC a week or so ago that each church appoint three people to come to the table to work out the details of an agreement.

That is where we stand. I called FCC after our zoom meeting to give them the news. They are so appreciative and overjoyed. I have complete confidence in the process upon which we are embarking. It will take prayerful consideration on our parts. Above all, we will be doing something amazing to bless First Congregational Church. That, in and of itself, is special.

You will have an opportunity to ask questions and made comments in the weeks ahead. Pray that God blesses both churches which are given this unusual opportunity to do something so important together.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

## **Directory**

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