



Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday January 24, 2021  
10:00am  
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Pastor

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Epiphany  
January 24, 2021

**Prelude**

**Isaiah Williams**

**Welcome & Announcements**     **Zona Butler**

### **Call to Worship**

L: Come, our way, our truth, our life

**C: Such a way that gives us breath**

L: Such a truth as ends all strife

**C: Such a life, that killeth death**

L: Come our joy, our love, our heart

**C: Such a joy as none can move**

L: Such a love that joys in love

**C: Come Lord Jesus!**

L: Come!

### **Opening Hymn**

“O Spirit of the Living God” No.539

### **Invocation (in unison)**

**Grant to us, Lord God, to worship you in spirit and in truth; to submit all of our nature to you, that our actions may be quickened by your holiness. Nourish our minds with your truth, and purify our imaginations with your beauty. Help us to open our hearts to your love, and surrender our wills to your purposes. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen**

### **The Morning Scriptures**

**Ps. 62:5-12 (a responsive reading from the Psalms)**

L: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for our hope is from him.

**C: He only is our rock and our salvation, we shall not be moved**

L: On God rests our salvation and glory, and our mighty rock

**C: Trust in God at all times, O people, pour out your hearts before the Almighty**

L: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;

**C: In the balances they go up, they are together lighter than a breath.**

L: Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them

**C: Once God has spoken; twice we have heard this - power belongs to God,**

L: And that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.

**Jonah 3:1-5 (a reading from the prophet Jonah)**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

**Mark 1:21-28 (a reading from the Gospel of Mark)**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

**A Hymn**

“O Day of God, Draw High” No. 730

**The Sermon** “Gathering Fish Of Every Kind”**The Morning Prayers**

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Call To Offering****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**

“We Need A Faith” No. 2183 (TFWS)

**The Blessing****Choral Benediction** “*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*”

*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*

### **Welcome**

This is a new year, a new day, and we are together to celebrate it once again. Thanks be to God! Welcome to this hour, the most important one of our week.

### **Thank You ..**

To those who have already responded to the challenge grant for the parsonage windows. We have an indication that others are about to join the effort. We'll give you an update later this week.

### **Bible Study This Wednesday**

The study of the final few chapters of the Gospel of Luke continues on Wednesday evenings 7-8 pm. You can use the same zoom connection you used for this morning's worship service. If you need the notes to these chapters email [drtmrichard@gmail.com](mailto:drtmrichard@gmail.com)

### **Your Financial Support is Important**

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### **February 7<sup>th</sup> Return to Wesley Hall**

The Island's virus numbers as of this past week are stable. If all goes well we will open Wesley Hall for Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> worship, with the following guidelines:

- \*Everyone must wear masks
- \*Everyone must sign-in on the sheet provided
- \*Please use the hand sanitizer available as you enter
- \*Everyone will have their own hymnals

## **From My Heart To Yours...**

Dear Friends,

I have a number of clergy friends who, like me, play in carpentry as a hobby. There is another group of colleagues that are enthusiastic about fishing. As am I. But I confess in the last several years fishing has only been a dream. I went so far as to buy (we seniors pay very little for it) a fishing license, without actually using it.

There are pleasant memories of fishing as a child and even as a young adult. When a dear friend (and member of the church I was serving) in California died four years ago, his wife invited me to their home to choose any of the treasure trove of hunting and fishing equipment I wanted. Since I don't hunt or own a gun, I came home with five fishing poles, and a whole collections of reels, lures, and fishing gadgets. There is still a hope to go fishing.

However, when you think of it...I AM fishing. In fact, Jesus has made us all fishers of women and men, sharing the Gospel with humanity. Like fishing for fish it is not always easy. It takes patience. It takes love of the art. (If you are a fly fisherman/woman like me, it takes a LOT of patience!) And so does fishing for those who need, want, and perhaps even dream of being in a relationship with Christ, living in a just and loving world. To do it well you have to love it. I love it..

Tom

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