



Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday January 9, 2022  
10:00am  
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Pastor  
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**First Sunday after Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord**

**Prelude**

**Mollie Glazer**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Dr. Richard**

**\*Call to Worship—please stand**

Leader: How precious to you are your people, O God

**Congregation: We are your salt of the earth, your light in this world.**

Leader Bless our coming in, and our going out

**Congregation: That what we learn this hour, we will share**

**\*Opening Hymn – please stand**

Rejoice The Lord Is King No. 715

**\*Invocation (in unison)- please stand**

***God in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.***

**The Morning Scriptures – please be seated**

A Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah chapter 43: 1-7

Is but now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush<sup>1</sup> and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

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

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if one might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with <sup>[a]</sup> water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with <sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**\*A Hymn – Please stand**

More Love To Thee No. 453

**Sermon – please be seated**

"Glow"

**Dr. Richard**

**The Morning Prayers – please 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**

**\*A Closing Hymn—Please stand**

When Jesus Came To Jordan No, 252

**\*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**

We are blessed by your presence this morning. Together we enter a new year, with great hopes, and counting our blessings, one of which is that we are together this morning.

### **Welcome Back Mollie!**

We were delighted to have Isaiah Williams, Mollie Glazer's son, as our accompanist last Sunday. He is studying the pipe organ at Eastman School of Music. Mollie Glazer is an incredible artist/teacher on the faculty of Nantucket Music Center, and a performing cellist for a host of special events on Nantucket, and we are so fortunate that she is our winter accompanist.

### **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.

### **Tomorrow Night On Zoom**

Our district conference call is tomorrow night at 7pm. Tom will send directions for the zoom call.

### **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.

### **Breakfast At The American Legion**

Our church is hosting the breakfast at the Am. Legion on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. **We will need your help**. The income beyond our expenses will be for our outreach ministry. The breakfast is from 8-11 am.

### **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.

### **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.

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

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

Dear Friends,

When I was serving a church in Iowa, my Associate Minister, Richard Miller-Todd was asked to baptize a baby born to a couple with whom he was close friends. Richard had a wonderful sense of humor, so I did not hesitate to put a live gold fish in the baptismal font to help him relax at his first infant baptism.

When the couple, Richard, the god-parents, and an attending Deaconess stood around the font, the Deaconess ceremoniously removed the cover of the font to find the gold fish I had placed there just before the service began, swimming about! As each of them standing around the font became aware of the gold fish, smiles broke out, which encouraged the baby to smile as well. Perfect timing.

Richard was quick to comment. "As you all know, in early Christianity the secret sign of being a Christian was a fish. It appears this child about to be baptized is being doubly blessed by water and a fish. And, she is aglow!

Today's New Testament is about the baptism of Jesus by John. We are told that a voice came from heaven as Jesus was baptized. "This is my son, in whom I am well-pleased." The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. I rather think something similar happened during that baptism in Iowa. This was God's child, named and consecrated to the Almighty.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

## **Directory**

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