

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost
July 19, 2020

Prelude
Welcome

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Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come

Congregation: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you

Leader: For you shall be called a holy people

Congregation: The redeemed of the Lord God

***Opening Hymn** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(see insert)

***Invocation (in unison)**

Merciful God, we turn our often wandering minds to you, seeking a new vision of your love for us, and for this world to which we witness, on behalf of Christ. Prepare us in this hour, to be strong of heart, and mind, and strength, in Christ's name, Amen

Prayer of illumination “Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of Hope, Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us Home.

This Morning's Texts

Jeremiah 9:23-24

This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor the strong man in his strength, nor the wealthy man in his riches. But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth—for I delight in these things”

Galatians 5: 22-26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Luke 6:27-36

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who

love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Leader: The word of God, for the people of God

***Congregation: Thanks be to God**

Sermon “Christian Virtues: Kindness”

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Dedication of Our Gifts and 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

***A Hymn of Commitment “Help Us Accept Each Other” (see insert)**

***The Blessing**

***Choral Benediction “God Be With You Til 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*

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome

This is a gathering place for the people of God. You are welcome here, wherever you have come from, May you find a sense of peace and acceptance in this hour.

Visitors

During these days of social distancing, we have found the best way to share information about what our church is doing for Christ in the world is via email. Our address is

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Of all of the virtues we have been talking about this summer, probably none is simpler, more easily understood, and less-used in our lives these days than “kindness.”

George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery and went on to become one of our country’s best known botanists and inventors, once wrote: “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong.”

Doesn’t this fit with our time? It seems to me that we are at a critical point in understanding and practicing human (Christ) kindness. We Christians are encouraged not only to have a deep understanding of other’s pains, but compassion for them, to the extent that we want to help relieve those pains.

God help us to be kind.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

Invite Others To Worship

Some things never change. Do you know that for the past five decades the most effective way to grow a Church? It is still when members invite friends; personal testimonies of those who love God and their church.

Your Financial Support is Important

There are two ways to contribute to this church's ministry. If you have an iPhone or Android phone, you can download the app for Tithe.ly (please note how it is spelled, so that you download the correct app). If you have any issue, please email or text Zona at 508.332.0685 or Zona02554@gmail.com. OR, you can send a check to UMC Box 264 Nantucket, MA 02554. If you are here in the sanctuary this morning, there are envelopes and an offering plate in the narthex for you to use for your offering.

Copies of the Upper Room

July/August copies of the **Upper Room** devotional are available in the foyer of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take a cope when you leave worship this morning.

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