

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
July 26, 2020

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Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings

Congregation: Time To remember and move on

Leader: Time to believe what patience will render

Congregation: Time to lean on God for courage and hope

***Opening Hymn** “Have Thine Own Way Lord” (see insert)

***Invocation (in unison)**

Transcendent God, approachable God, loving God, we come to worship admitting our need to be together, and, with the aid of your Spirit, seeking a blessing to be strong, of good courage, and to live as Christians in these chaotic times. Be with us in this hour, we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen

World Methodist Social Affirmation

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people and In Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide strengthen, and comfort.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom; in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation.; in each act of selfgivingon behalf of others; in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us, that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources.

We confess our sin, individual and collective; by silence or by action; through the violation of human dignity; based on race, class, age, sex, nation or faith; through the exploitation of people, because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces, that threaten human

existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it;

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ; to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love; praying for the fruition of God's kingdom, the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven Amen

Prayer of illumination "Ancient Words" (sung in unison)

Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart ,Oh, 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.

Chorus

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our Faith, Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice, Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved, For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart, Oh let the ancient words impart.

Chorus (4 times)

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.**

This Morning's Texts

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.

(will you rise for the reading of the Gospel)

*A reading from the Gospel of John 11:1-45

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.)

3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days,

7 and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light.

10 It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

16 Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,

19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.

20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.”

29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.

34 “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

35 Jesus wept.

36 Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.

39 “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”

40 Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

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

***Congregation: Thanks be to God**

Sermon “Christian Virtues: Patience”

Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests

Silent

Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)

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** *“If Thou But Suffer God... (see insert)”*

***The Blessing**

May the Lord direct your hearts in the love of God, to wait patiently for the acts of justice, love, and kindness you do now, to come to come to fruition in a changed world.

***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 chchurch@nantucketmethodistchurch.com

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

We all know what a challenge traffic can be, especially at five different locations in mid-Island.

This past week I approached five corners at one of the most challenging times of the day, and though I was not in any hurry, my patience was tried.

I'm usually the one to practice patience at such intersections. (My family thinks I go overboard with this). So, on this particular day I waited until it was, I thought, my turn; and as I moved out into the intersection, a car from in front of the African Meeting House darted out in front of me, cutting me off. I slammed on the brakes and just looked at the person, who, at that point, was headed up the hill toward the windmill, and paying no attention to me. And I thought, "Well, that was rude."

And then I noticed the bumper sticker on the back of this person's car. You guessed it: "What's your hurry, you're on Nantucket!" All I could do was laugh to myself.

We all have those breaking points, right? Even if we are on Nantucket. No matter how patient we might believe we are, there is an internal mechanism that suddenly whispers in our ear, "enough waiting, go for it!" Impatience is a human condition and has been around for quite some time.

So it should be no surprise that the apostle in his letter to the Galatians lists patience as a virtue. We'll talk about patience this morning – ours, Jesus', and God's.

Be patient.

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

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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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