



**Nantucket**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday March 14, 2021**  
**10:00am**  
**Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard**  
**Pastor**

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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 14, 2021

**Prelude** Isaiah Williams

**Welcome & Announcements** Amy Eldridge

**A Celebration of Women**

**\*Call to Worship** Dr. Richard

L: Christ is alive let Christians sing!

**C: Let street and homes with praises ring**

L: Christ is alive and comes to bring

**C: Til earth and all creation ring**

L: With joy and justice, love and praise

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Jesus The Very Thought of Thee” No. 175

**Invocation (in unison)**

**Come our light, and illumine our darkness. Come our life and revive us from death. Come our physician, and heal our wounds. Come, flame of divine love, and kindle our hearts with love. Come Lord Jesus, and sit upon the throne of our hearts. For you alone, are our Lord. Amen.**

**The Morning Scriptures**

**Our first reading is from the Psalm 107 verses 1-9**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle. They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unending love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

**\*Will you rise (if able) for the reading of the Gospel, selected verses from Ch. 4 of John**

(Jesus) came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)<sup>1</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony,

The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn**

"We Would See Jesus: (vs.1,4,and 5) No.256

**Sermon "The Woman At The Well"** Dr. Richard

**The Morning Prayers**

Prayer Requests

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Call To Offering**

(for those present in Wesley Hall there is an offering plate at the door for your use)

**\*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**

"Help Us Accept Each Other" No.560

**\*Today's Affirmation**

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?**

**Shall tribulation or distress, persecution or famine,**

**Or nakedness or peril or the sword?**

**No. In all things we are more than conquerors**

**Through the one who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death, nor life,  
Nor angels no principalities,  
Nor things present, nor things to come  
Nor powers, nor height, nor depth  
Nor anything else in all creation  
Will be able to separate us from the love  
Of God. In Christ Jesus our Lord**

**\*Choral Benediction “God Be with You”**

*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*

**\*And the People All Said, “Amen”**

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**Welcome**

Soon we will welcome each other with a handshake or a hug. For right now, we can only welcome with words, sincere though they are. However we greet each other, we do so in Christ’s name, and are thankful that you are among us in worship.

**For Your Safety...**

We are committed to the following safety guidelines. \*Wear a mask, \*Use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter Wesley Hall, \*Sign in for worship (include a phone # please) \*Use the hymnal with your name on it, or put your name on one.

**This Wednesday**

We will celebrate a short Evening Vespers via Zoom from 7 -8 pm. This is a wonderful way to end a day. The back of your bulletin has the connecting information.

**Affirmations**

Each week during Lent we close our worship with affirmations from our Methodist tradition as well as from the Bible and early and modern Christian liturgy. This morning’s affirmation is from Romans 8

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

It pays for our ministry and the upkeep of our building, It pays for our apportionment for the missions and maintenance of our United Methodist Church. It is greatly appreciated. There are several ways to contribute. The offering plate at the exit of Wesley Hall is one way. You can also send a check to NUMC Box 264 02554. For on-line options go to our web site. Thank you!

**Lenten Messages**

This Sunday's sermon is the fourth in the series our pastor has titled, "Meeting Jesus For the First Time." For some of those personalities he has chosen, it was not their first encounter with Jesus. But, as you will see, meeting Jesus was a new experience every time anyone encountered him. As we share those encounters, we hope they will encourage your relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Easter Plants**

If you wish to donate flowers for Easter Sunday there are forms available on the table as you exit this morning. For those of you worshipping with us on line, look for the form in your email tomorrow.

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

Dear Friends,

I've been reading another book of growth planning for local churches. It's titled, "Practices of Fruitful Congregations," given to me by one of our members. It's similar to several other books in my library that were the basis of seminars I conducted around the country to state church associations, and, when possible, local churches which I visited.

Here's the outline of this book: radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? The basic idea is for churches to have a plan and to work it. Not everything can be done immediately, but every church can launch a plan for a vibrant future.

As small as we are, the practices outlined above work. They are not dependent on the size of a congregation. I know from personal experience and lots of research, they are applicable to all congregations.

If you want to know where my ministry with you is going, buckle up! I want to engage you in the blessed ministry of being fruitful disciples.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom

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