



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday March 21, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

Prelude

Mollie Glazer

Welcome & Announcements

Zona Butler

A Celebration of Women

Marianne Stanton

***Call to Worship** Dr. Richard

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord

Congregation: Enter God's courts with thanksgiving

Leader: Know that the Lord is God

Congregation: And we are made in the Almighty's image

Leader: May God bless our hour of worship together

***Opening Hymn**

"All Glory Laud and Honor" No. 280

Invocation (in unison)

Anoint us with Your healing Spirit, O God. Prepare us for the journey of life ahead. Set our hearts upon the cross, and our feet upon the way, that leads past adversity, fear, and death, to life everlasting. In Christ we pray, Amen

The Morning Scriptures

Our first reading is from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31 verses 31-34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel, and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors, when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

***Will you rise (if able) for the reading of the Gospel, from Matthew selected**

Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?” “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.” When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn

“We Meet You O Christ” (vs 1,2) No.257

Sermon “James and John” 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**

"Jesus Shall Reign (vs. 1,4,5) No.157

***Today's Affirmation**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

***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 Said, "Amen"**

Welcome

Whatever has brought you here this morning, in-person or on-line, we hope you feel welcome. We are on a journey together, and if we know anything about this journey it is that we cannot do it alone. We need each other, and most importantly, we need Christ. So, welcome! May we all feel his presence with us this morning.

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 second 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, the Bible and both early and modern Christian liturgy. This morning's affirmation is from the New Testament book of Hebrews

Eater Plants

Please use the form provided with this Bulletin to order Easter Plants. Hand in your completed form at Sunday Services or email a scan of your form to Zona Butler at Zona02554@gmail.com AND Ray Brusca at Raymond.Brusca@comcast.net. We need forms no later than Saturday March 27.

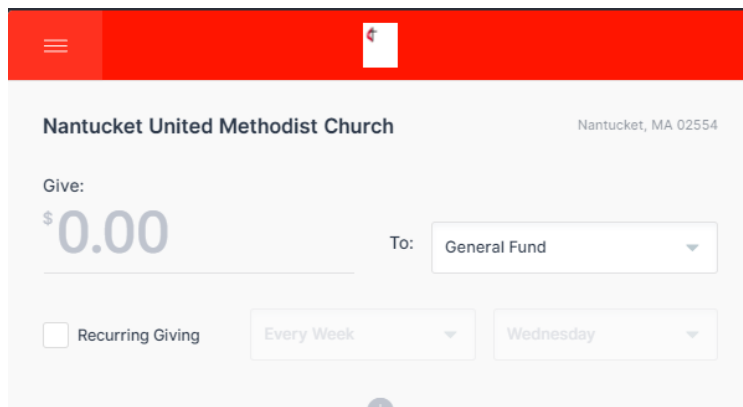
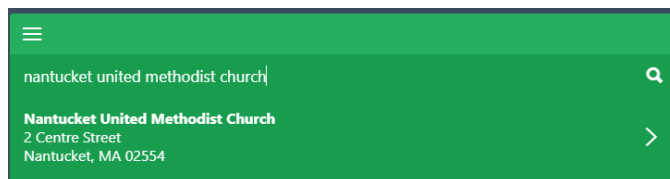
Lenten Messages

This Sunday's sermon is the fifth 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.

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We hope you will take advantage of the Tithe.Ly option since this makes contributing easiest for you, helps the Church with collecting and tracking all contributions, and in today’s current/post Covid touch-free world, helps avoid unnecessary touch points. We thank you for your past, current and future financial support of Nantucket United Methodist Church.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

In 1962 I began wondering how in the world I could afford to go to college One weekend I went home to Holbrook MA, where my father was the minister of the Congregational Church. He had planned for Dr. Max Strang, a clergy friend of his, who in retirement had become the Vice President of Piedmont College, to preach that Sunday and have lunch with us. Max was doing his annual swing through New England to rally applicants for Piedmont. During that lunch Max gave me hope that I could afford to attend college, on a work-study program, and with some other scholarships for which I might be eligible. And so in the late Summer of that year, I took trains from Boston to Atlanta, and Atlanta to- Cornelia Georgia, a journey of 30 hrs or so. And for the next four years I spent my time working and attending college. Only the second child in my family to graduate from college. In many ways I was privileged. not in the way you might think. Because my father was friends with both the vice president and president of the college, both Congregational clergy, I had doors open to me for which I will always be grateful. I was privileged not because of handouts but I admit I was blessed with a lot of hand-ups.

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Many, if not all of us, have had those moments in our lives when we least expected it, someone gave us “a hand,” an encouragement, an opportunity and opened doors of possibility for us. In today’s text we see the tug between opportunity and privilege. It’s all about the manner in which it is exercised. For me? I am presently privileged and honored to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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