



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday November 14, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
NantucketUMC.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

23rd Sunday of Pentecost
November 14, 2021

Prelude

Mollie Glazer

Welcome & Announcements

Marianne Stanton

***Call to Worship – please stand**

L: O God you have not forsaken your people; nor abandoned your heritage; justice is ever on our lips.

C: **We come to hear, again, of what it takes to follow you.**

L: For you are the rock of our refuge. When we slip, you pick us up

C: **And you set us, once again, on the righteous path.**

L: Empower us with your spirit

C: **That we might walk in your light**

***Opening Hymn – please stand**

All Things Bright and Beautiful No.147

***Invocation (in unison) – please stand**

O God, our rock and fortress, the fountain of our hope, and the safeguard of all who praise your name, we continue to place our hope in you. Fill this worship hour with visions of your lofty splendor, as we consider this and every moment in each other's presence, sacred. We come together in Christ's name, Amen.

This Morning's Scripture Readings – please be seated

From Ps 94:14-22

The Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.

Judgment will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Who will rise up for me against the wicked?

Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Can a corrupt throne be allied with you— a throne that brings on misery by its decrees?

The wicked band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

But the LORD has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.

***Please rise for the reading of the Gospel**

Our reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke 14:25-35

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters— yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples. "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – please stand**

Precious Name No.536

Sermon – please be seated

"Who Gets Our Best?" **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 Offerings – please stand**

***Closing Hymn – please stand**

Take My Life And Let It Be No. 399

***The Blessing – please stand**

***Choral Benediction – please stand**

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 God 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,

Leader: And the people all said

Congregation: Amen!

Welcome

You bless us with your presence this morning. Thank you for joining us.

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.

For Your Safety...

In accordance with the latest Town order, if you are fully vaccinated, wearing of masks inside is optional.. 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.

The Upper Room

The Nov/Dec issue of the *Upper Room* devotional is available on the table in the foyer. Pick up your free copy. It will bless you during the next two months.

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Refreshments

After the service we welcome you to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

While in Seminary in Maine, students could sign up for leading worship at small churches in the outskirts of Bangor Maine. So I did. And the reward for doing so was to meet so many dedicated people, mostly from small country churches, who took such pride in their church and felt blessed to be part of loving congregations.

One in particular that I loved being assigned to was about 30 miles from the city. The reason I loved going there so much was not the pay (\$15 to cover the gas,, a dozen eggs from the treasurer's chickens, and (when in-season), vegetables from members' gardens).

Don't get me wrong, the pay in larger churches to which we students were sent, was much more and very welcome, but the hospitality of that little church was extreme.

People gave to that church out of love for God, and the fellowship, inspiration, and blessings they and their families had been receiving from it for years.

And that is what stewardship is all about, isn't it?

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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