

Nantucket United Methodist Church Sunday November 22, 2020 10:00am Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP Twenty Fifth Sunday of Pentecost November 22, 2020

Prelude Welcome & Announcements

Isaiah Williams

*Call to Worship

Leader O come let us sing for joy to the Lord

Congregation: Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation

Leader: Let us come before God's presence with thanks-

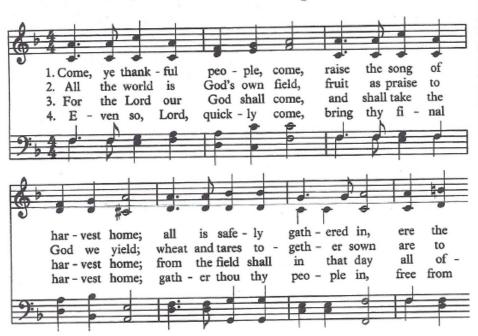
giving

Congregation: And enter this hour with praise.

Leader: For God is good Congregation: All the time

*Opening Hymn Come Ye Thankful People 694







*Invocation Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, we are aware that there is a spirit, ancient and eternal, within and among us all, holding us, binding us together across time and difference, and which brings us together in this hour, in an ever-evolving web of sacred abiding. We begin this

Thanksgiving week with a sense of gratitude for it all. Amen

*This Morning's Scriptures

Habakkuk 3:17-19

Though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails,

and the fields produce no food,

though there are no sheep in the pen, and no cattle in the stalls.

yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

*Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Until seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I don't tell you until seven times, but, until seventy times seven. Therefore the Kingdom of Heaven is like a certain king, who wanted to reconcile accounts with his servants. When he had begun to reconcile, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thousand talents**. But because he couldn't pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife, his children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all!' The lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

"But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him **one hundred <u>denarii</u>**, and he grabbed him, and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

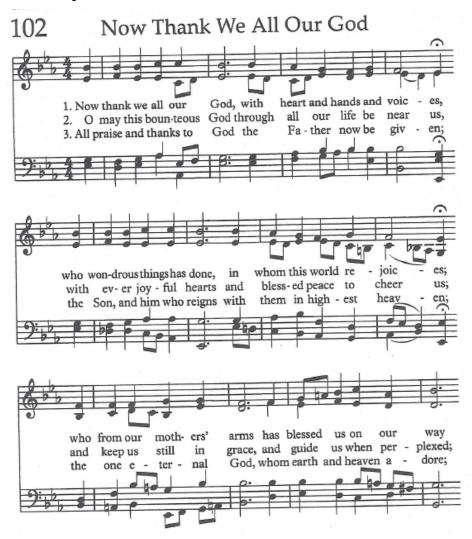
"So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you!' He would not, but went and cast him into prison, until he should pay back that which was due. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were exceedingly sorry, and came and told to their lord all that was done. Then his lord called him in, and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt, because you begged me.

Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?' His lord was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him. So my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you don't each forgive your brother from your hearts for his misdeeds."

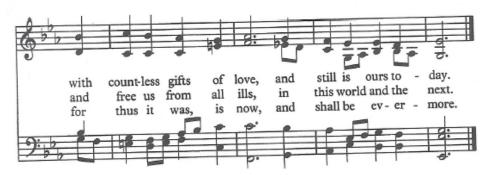
Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

*A Hymn Now Thank We All Our God 102



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Sermon "Redeeming Thanksgiving" Dr. Richard

The Morning Prayers

Prayer Requests *
Silent Meditation
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Call To 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

*Dedication of Our Gifts and Offering

*A Closing Hymn "Be Not Afraid"

You shall cross the barren desert, But you shall not die of thirst

You shall wander far in safety, Though you do not know the way

You shall speak your words in foreign lands, And all will understand

You shall see the face of God and live

[Chorus]

Be not afraid, I go before you always Come follow me, And I will give you rest Blessed are your poor, For the kingdom shall be theirs Blessed are you that weep and mourn, For one day you shall laugh

And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me Blessed, blessed are you

[Chorus]

Be not afraid, I go before you always Come follow me, And I will give you rest

The Blessing

*Choral Benediction (in unison)
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

Worship Notes: *Indicates when people stand, if able *Please silence your cell phones during worship *After worship please put your hymnal(s) in the bookcase provided to the left of the altar

Welcome

This is a day that God has made and it is a blessing, especially when we are connected in worship. We are glad you are with us.

Prayer Requests

Thank you for using the prayer request cards in your worship bulletin. They help a great deal. Please fill out your request card and put it on the pulpit before worship.

Your Offering...

Thank you for your donations to our ministry, They are so appreciated. If you are physically present you can use the offering plate in the foyer to deposit your gift. If online, go to our web site and there you will find other options. We are grateful for your support.

Advent Prayers and Stories

The study of the Gospel of Luke on Wednesdays is postponed until the new year. Instead we will be meeting at 7pm Wednesdays to share a time of prayer, and to celebrate the stories of Advent. We hope you will join us. If you are not on the church's regular weekly email list, and want to celebrate Advent in this unique way, please send your email to drrichard@gmail.com and he will send you an invitation.

Thanks Giving Service

The Interfaith Council is hosting a Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm, to be broadcast on NCTV 18 and sent out on Facebook and YouTube. Celebrate this important holiday with brothers and sisters of faith!

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Chamber of Commerce has alerted us that the tree in front of the Church can be decorated as early as Nov. 28th You will hear more about how you can help decorate the tree which the entire island will see for weeks to come.

NCRC Offers Education and Resources

For a list of programs and resources of the NCRC Please email Susan Richards at The Nantucket Community School at richardss@npsk.org or call The Nantucket Family Resource Center at 508-815-5115. They offer a number of helpful resources for families on the island.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Sociologist Robert Bellah, in his book "Habits of the Heart," was impressed by the power of religion. He once said, "We should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a new vision of a just and gentle world. The quality of a culture may be changed when two percent of its people have a new vision (and act on it)."

Christians make up far more than two percent of our Island, far more than two percent of Massachusetts, far more than two percent of Americans. So, why don't we have a greater effect: on issues of the environment, on justice for the needy, on the quality of life on Cape Cod? Could it be we need more courage to act on our commitments? To be a Pilgrim means to stand up for what you believe, no matter what.

To be a Pilgrim also means sharing what you have, and turning thanks into giving. The Pilgrim colonists willingly shared all they had. During their first three years, all property was held in common. One of their finest moments came in 1623, at the first Thanksgiving. The small colony hosted over ninety Native American braves for three days. There was eating and drinking, wrestling, footraces, and gun and arrow-shooting competitions. It was the Pilgrims' way of saying "Thank you" to God, and to the Native Americans who had helped them survive. To be a Pilgrim means sharing and turning thanks into giving.

This Thanksgiving let us pray for more courage to be the pilgrims God has called us to be.

Grace and Peace, Tom

The health Dept of the town commended us on the precautions we have already taken, and for those we are planning to take. Thank you for all of your cooperation.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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