



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
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10:00am
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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 thanksgiving

Congregation: And enter this hour with praise.

Leader: For God is good

Congregation: All the time

***Opening Hymn Come Ye Thankful People 694**

694 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal

har - vest home; all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the
God we yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to
har - vest home; from the field shall in that day all of -
har - vest home; gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from

win - ter storms be - gin. God our Mak - er doth pro - vide
 joy or sor - row grown; first the blade and then the ear,
 fens - es purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last
 sor - row, free from sin, there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest,
 in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruit - ful
 in thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all thine

tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

***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 rec-
oncile, one was brought to him who owed him **ten thou-
sand talents**. But because he couldn't pay, his lord com-
manded 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 denarii**, 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 ex-
ceedingly 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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Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;

who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;

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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 on-line, 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

Directory

Accompanist Mollie Glazer & Isaiah Williams
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