



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday November 7, 2021
10:00am
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

November 22, 2021

Prelude

Deborah Beal

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship – please stand**

Leader: Thou art our rock, our fortress, and our might

Congregation: Thou art, in the darkest drear, our light

Leader: O blessed communion fellowship divine

Congregation: We come to see thy glory shine!

***Opening Hymn**

When Morning Gilds The Skies No. 185

Invocation (in unison) – please be seated

Quiet our minds, still our hearts, for your living ways are all we seek, O God. Strengthen our lives, inspire our spirits, that we might be blessed by this hour of Word and Sacrament. Amen

This Morning's Scriptural Texts – please be seated

Psalm 34:1-10

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

***Please stand for the reading of today's Gospel
Our reading is from the Gospel of John chapter 12,
verses 1-8**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, where a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you,^[a] but you will not always have me."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – please stand**

Take My Life, And Let It Be No. 399

The Homily – please be seated

Something Beautiful For God **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**

The Lord's Supper-please be seated

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God of shalom, we confess that we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our perceived enemies, from those different from us, and from the strangers among us; but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls and help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with others. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Consecration

Hymn – please be seated

Bread of the World No. 624

Sharing The Elements

(Please feel free, during the singing of this hymn, to come forward and take your elements back to your pew, so that we can partake of them together)

Prayer of Thanks

***Closing Hymn – please stand**

Where Cross The Crowded Ways No.427

***The Blessing – please stand**

May the peace of God enfold us, The love of God uphold us, The wisdom of God control us.

***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 he 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, Amen*

Leader: And the people all said

Congregation: Amen

Welcome

What a day! What a time! Welcome to worship hour to equip ourselves for service to God in a chaotic world. May God bless our time together!

Accompanist

We welcome back Deborah Beale, a former member of the board of the NCMC. Thank you so much for being available while Mollie is off-Island.

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.

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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From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

Some years ago I led a national workshop on church growth and development. Part of the agenda was to share the most recent research on the characteristics of a healthy churches, i.e. what a healthy church looks like. Here are some of those things identified by a church leadership organization.

A sense of God's empowering presence,
Uplifting worship
Training for discipleship
Learning new things together
An outward focus
A servant-leadership model of doing things
Wise and shared Administration and Accountability
Networking during the week
Stewardship and generosity
Loving and Caring Relationships

I share these, not necessarily in the order of importance, but as characteristics that have never been more important to church that they are today. Test these out n your own mind. Let me know what you think #1 is and what #10 is?

Would you believe that over and over again this study ranked stewardship in the top 3 characteristics? It shouldn't. Stewardship is a broad subject and one of Jesus' most important topics. It includes money and the use of it, but is really about the stewardship of all things.

Why is this? My suspicion is that healthy churches recognize that God is extravagant in mercy, grace, and stewardship of all of creation. What do you think?

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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