

Nantucket United Methodist Church Sunday October 11, 2020 10:00am Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost October 11, 2020

Prelude Welcome Announcements *Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who does not show

Mollie Glazer

favoritism

Congregation: The God who accepts from every nation the ones who do what is right and just

Leader :Let us sing to the God of all nations

Congregation: Let us proclaim God's salvation day af-

ter day

Leader: And declare God's glory among the nations Congregation: God's deeds among all nations

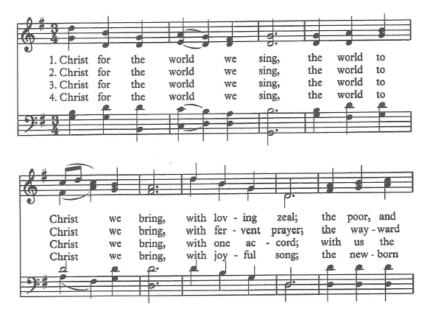
Leader: Let all the earth turn to God

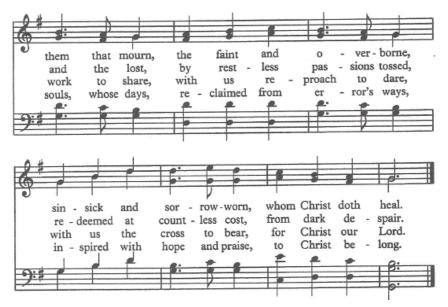
Congregation: Let all the world's people worship the

Lord

Leader: And make a joyful noise to the Lord!







*Invocation (in unison)

Lord, even in these times, our joys mount, as do the birds, heavenward. The night has taken wings and we rejoice in the light. What a day, Lord! What a day! What erupts from us, what encircles us, is thanksgiving, and a time of praise for you. Amen

This Morning's Scriptural Texts

From the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah Chapter 12:1-6

I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. ² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ In that day you will say: "Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, . . . for great is the Holy One . . . among you."

*The Gospel of Matthew 21:33-46

There was a landowner who planted a vinevard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34 When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves. 'This is the heir: come. let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing.

and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

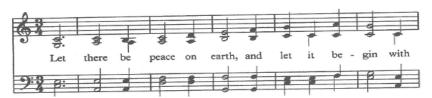
Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

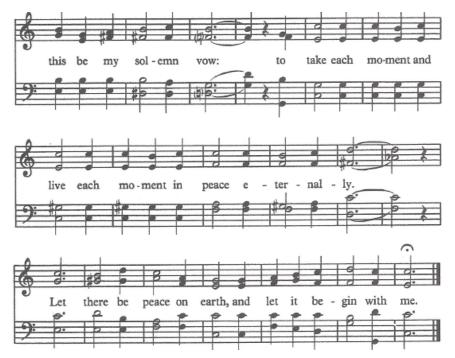
Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God A Hymn Let There Be Peace..."No. 431 (UMH)

431 Let There Be Peace on Earth







Sermon "Where Do The Mermaids Stand?" 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 Offerings

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

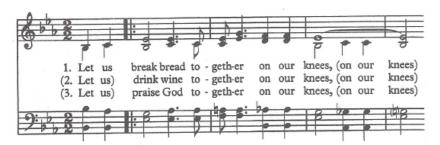
Prayer of Confession Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

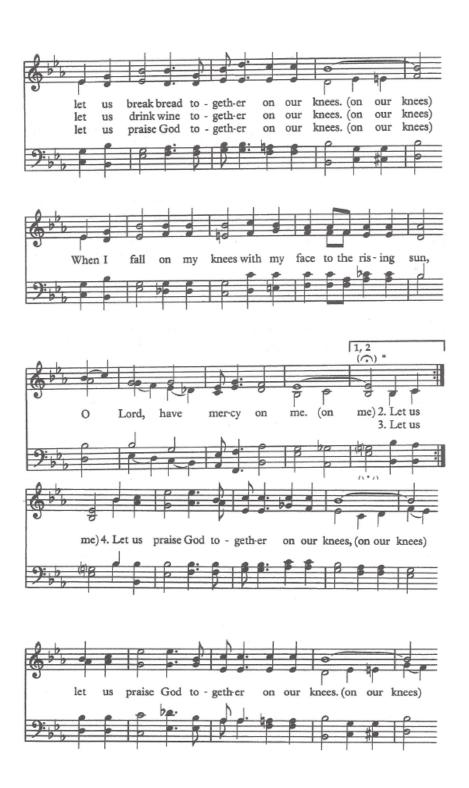
Prayer of Consecration

O God, bless what we offer, and make it honorable, approved, effective, right, and wholly pleasing in every way, that it may become for our good, a memorial to the life and sacrifice of our beloved Jesus Christ, Amen Sharing The Elements

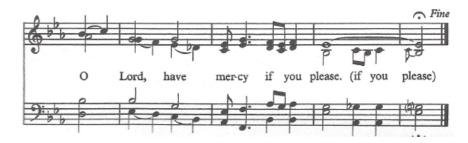
Hymn "Let us Break Bread Together" No.618 (UMH) During the singing of this hymn, those who are present, are welcome to come forward individually and take communion elements back to your seat. We will partake of them together, with those who are sharing elements with us at home

618 Let Us Break Bread Together



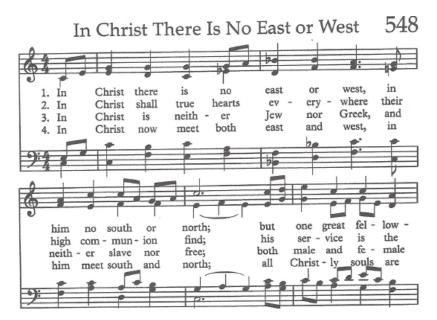






Prayer of Thanks

*Closing Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" No. 548





*The Blessing

May God raise you up above everything; Spread grace out around you like the water of a lake; like abundance that never ends; like a mountain, like a camel, like a cloud, that brings rain to the dry earth. For God promised it would be so, for you. Amen

*Choral Benediction "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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

Welcome

In these challenging times when we want so much to greet each other up close, when we wish we could linger longer, and share a time of refreshment and fellowship after worship, we ARE thankful to be connected, however strange it still seems. We are so glad you have connected with us this hour!

The Sacrament of Communion

We practice an open communion table to which all are invited. During this covid-19 pandemic, we celebrate the sacrament by individually coming to the table and taking the elements back to your pew. When all have served themselves, we will partake together. Those of you who are connecting by zoom or phone can either pick up communion elements at the church (Saturday morning from 9-1pm on the left as you enter Wesley Hall door) or provide your own at home.

Bible Study This Wednesday

The Gospel of Luke (Who is often referred to as Dr. Luke) is back to Wednesday nights from 7-8 pm via Zoom. using the same options we send you for this worship service. If you are connected or present with us this morning, and have not received the notes for the discussion, please email Dr. Richard and he will send you the study notes for this session.

Wednesday Evening Taping

Wednesday evening Carson Cooman, a noted organist, will be playing the Appleton NCMC Organ Crawl video taping, The time 7-8 pm is somewhat flexible. He will be practicing much of the day, so if you use the Wesley Hall door to enter the church for any reason, please leave the door unlocked. All of the pipe organs on the Island will be part of this taping, and we can expect a date in the near future to enjoy these treasured instruments of the Island.

You A Visitor?

We would like to send you a personal note of welcome. There are information cards in the foyer to fill out before you leave, take with you, and bring or send it back to us. (There are disinfected pens available. Once you use one please place it in the "used" container. We want to stay connected with our visitors.

The Sep/Oct Issue of Upper Room...

Is available on the table in the foyer. Please feel free to take a copy of this ecumenical and inspiring devotional.

Your Financial Support is Important

Thank you to those of you who support this church. If you have wish to contribute using your iPhone you can download the app for Tithe.ly (please note how it is spelled, so that you download the correct app). If you are here in the sanctuary this morning, there are envelopes and an offering plate in the narthex for you to use as you leave the service.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

This morning we celebrate Christian relations world-wide. The liturgy is what we would have used last Sunday when I was away, for World Wide Communion Sunday. I hope we are recapturing the incredible experience of celebrating our Lord's Supper with millions upon millions of Christians throughout the world, who speak hundreds and hundreds of languages and dialects but who share belief in God and Jesus Christ. We have included liturgy from Ghana, from a first century Eucharistic prayers, from Kenya, from other Christian denominations in our country, Germany, and the United Kingdom. While this may be a delayed response, I hope to convey the millions of Christians with whom we commune on Sundays every week...different lands, languages, positions, and gifts; all contributing to the work of God's kingdom. The unity within our diversity is truly staggering! It is nothing short of uplifting and inspiring. Grace and Peace,

Tom

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