



**Nantucket  
United Methodist Church  
Sunday October 18, 2020  
10:00am  
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard  
Pastor**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost  
October 18, 2020

**Prelude**  
**Welcome**  
**Announcements**

**Mollie Glazer**  
**Zona Butler**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather to worship together

**Congregation: Different people, different lives, different histories, yet children of God,**

Leader: We gather to reconnect with one another,

**Congregation: Different people, different lives, different histories, yet all disciples of one Teacher.**

Leader: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears ...

**Congregation: Yet one people with one God**

Leader: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

**\*Opening Hymn "Come Christians Join and Sing" No. 158**

**158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing**



1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet the Lord a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

**\*Invocation Prayer (in unison)**

O God, we are in awe of your power, displayed throughout the world, in the lives of so many who are disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. We come here with grateful hearts, that long to follow you, by building justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with each other. Be with us in his name, Amen

**This Morning's Scriptures**

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.<sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters<sup>b</sup> loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed

the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

#### Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn** “Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart” (vs.1,2,5) No. 500

500 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?  
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,  
 the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## **Sermon**

**"Paying Taxes While Following Christ"**

**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**

### **\*Commitment Hymn "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**

No. 480

### **O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 480**

The musical score consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time, B-flat major. The top staff is for the treble clef voice, and the bottom staff is for the bass clef voice. The lyrics are provided for four stanzas, with the first two stanzas on the treble staff and the last two on the bass staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano).

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2. O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thru the rain, and  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and

**\*The Blessing**

May we go forth with wisdom and grace to join our Creator's work of making

peace on earth as we continue to become all we are created to be. So let it be, now and always.

**\*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*

**\*Postlude**

**Mollie Glazer**

## **Welcome**

Welcome to this hour of worship. In this church we are striving to honor God and follow Christ in all we say and do. You are invited to join us in this pursuit.

## **Prayer Requests**

Each week you will find a prayer request slip in your bulletin. Please write the name(s) of those you would like to have mentioned in our morning prayers, and place the slip on the pulpit.

## **Your Offering...**

is so important. Our church's ministry here on Nantucket and around the world depends on the tithes and offerings of our congregation and its supporters. For those of you who are physically here in the sanctuary, you can use the offering plate in the foyer to deposit your gift. If you are on-line, go to our web site and there you will find other options. We are grateful for your support!

## **Bible Study**

We meet via Zoom on Wednesdays from 7-8pm . We are discussing the Gospel of Luke. If you wish to join the discussion please let Dr. Richard know and he will send you the notes for this week. Last week we had several guests from Union Church in Wollaston who are without a pastor right now.

## **From My Heart To Yours...**

Dear Friends,

As you know, we are members of the Nantucket Interfaith Council. I was on the monthly zoom call this past week and want to report to you some good news from our IFC. \*a recent \$10,00- grant was received from the Boston Food Bank. It will carry the work of our local food bank into the new year.

\*The Food Bank usage is a bit down in the last several months, no doubt due to the smaller number of seasonal help on the Island.

\*The Rental Assistance program is going well.

\*Plans are being made to hold an interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening. More on this later.

We should take pride in what the IFC is doing for the greater good here on our Island, as member religious organizations seek to meet critical needs of individuals and families here.

Grace and Peace,

Tom



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