



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday October 31, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
NantucketUMC.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

21st Sunday of Pentecost
October 31, 2021

Prelude

Mollie Glazer

Welcome & Announcements Elizabeth Eldridge

***Call to Worship – please stand**

L: O God, we love the habitation of this house

C: This is where your glory dwells

L: May our feet stand in praise on this holy ground

C: We prepare ourselves to receive your blessing

L: As we enter, and when we leave

***Opening Hymn – please stand**

Jesus Thine All-Victorious Love No.422

Invocation (in unison) – please be seated

We come within these walls to give praise, to lift our voices in song, and to feed on your Word. Your splendor fills this temple, as we behold signs of your steadfast love for us. With our hands and hearts cleansed, through the mercy of our savior Jesus, we lift our voices, above the confusion and chaos of this world. Hear our rejoicing that affirms our glad adoration. Amen

This Morning Scriptures – please be seated

Our Old Testament reading is from the book of Ruth 1: 14-18

At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. “Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

***Will you please rise (if you are able) for the Gospel**

***Our reading is from the Gospel of Mark 12: 28-34**

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'"

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – please stand**

More Love To Thee No. 453

Sermon – please be seated

What Love Has To Do With It

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

***Prayer of Thanks – please stand**

***Closing Hymn – please stand**

Blest Be The Tie That Binds No.557

***The Blessing – please stand Elizabeth Eldridge**

***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

We welcome you to this service. It is the best way for us to start a new week together. If you are a visitor, please use one of the cards in your pew to let us get to know you better. You can deposit the card in the offering plate as it is passed later in the service.

Our Reader

Elizabeth Eldridge is a member of NUMC. She is working toward a Master's Degree at Anna Maria College. She works at Holdgate's Laundry here on Nantucket, and she takes time to be a regular worship reader.

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.

What does James have to offer us?

Our Wednesday night bible study of the book of James is from 7-8 pm via zoom. The details of signing onto zoom are on the back page of this bulletin. Notes were sent out to our e-mail list. If you did not receive them, please let Tom know and he will send them to you.

Flower Boxes Out Front

Thank you for your donations to the flower box project in front of the church! If you wish to donate to it, we appreciate your contribution. The Fall arrangements are done by Megan Soverino, LeeAnne and Tom's daughter.

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,

If ever there was a season of anticipation, we are entering into it. The holiday of all holidays (Thanksgiving) plans are now the topic of discussion in most households.

Then, of course, Advent and Christmas follow. The build-up involves everything from who's going to come home? How are we doing with lists of food and gifts? What other preparations do we need to make?

For pastors there is a whole second layer of anticipation that has already started. We clergy are guilty of always trying to bring something new to an ancient and sacred story, when we know the story of the birth of Jesus is real-ly enough. And yet, we try to celebrate it better than last year. Because, it is so profound. It is such an amazing story. And because, it is the birth of a life which as an adult, changed the world, changed humanity, offered humankind hope, and continues to inspire our better angels. And every year, EVERY year, it overwhelms me, to the point of tears of happiness.

Because this person is the one spoken of and anticipated for hundreds of years, by the prophets, who can change it all. Whose people, whose disciples if they choose to, could bring humanity closer than ever before to the kingdom of heaven.

There's nothing greater than that, is there? So, you see why it is such a season of anticipation. This could be the year. This could be the time...when the joy of this season which captures such hope for the world that the roof could blow off this sanctuary in the accomplishment of it.

So you see what it means to me? What it could mean for us? It's exciting!

Waiting with great expectation, I am excited for the season to begin.

Tom

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