



Nantucket
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10:00am
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Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 4, 2020

Prelude Mollie Glazer

Welcome Zona Butler

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is at work in the world

Congregation: To bring justice to the oppressed,

Leader: To share food with the hungry,

Congregation: To provide shelter for the homeless,

Leader: To set all people free.

Congregation: We come this morning to be reminded of these things

Leader: To be nourished by God's presence,

Congregation: And to find strength in Christ and each other

***Opening Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See 454**

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

that shall un-clasp and set me free.
 ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I
 love with thy chil-dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy will to see.

O-pen my eyes,
 O-pen my ears, il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 O-pen my heart,

***Invocation Prayer (in unison):** God of mercy and might, In spite of our fears and anxieties, you bring us together as people called to ministry together. Bless this hour, help us to lean on your Spirit, as we look to you for guidance and direction in these times. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray, Amen

This Morning's Scriptures

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found,

because God had taken him away.”^[i] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The Gospel – Matthew 8:6-13

Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 430

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady accompaniment in the bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3. Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos-er,
 4. In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the

paths of ser-vice free; tell me thy se-cret;
 win-ning word of love; teach me the way-ward
 dear-er com-pa-ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu-ture's broad-en-ing way, in peace that on-ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong;
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

Reflections - "Three Things We Have Learned at our Church"- Phil Gallagher

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 Hymn of Commitment Precious Lord, Take My Hand 474

474 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three verses provided. The first verse is: "1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,". The second verse is: "2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, and the night draws near,". The third verse is: "3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,".

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,
3. When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
when my life is almost gone,
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

***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

***Postlude**

Mollie Glazer

Welcome

Welcome to this historic place born in `1882. We are striving not only to honor that history but to make history. We are blessed that you are part of our worship of God, today.

Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday in our tradition is typically later in October. Because of our pastor Tom Richard's vacation, we have switched dates with World Wide Communion Sunday which will be celebrated next Sunday. This morning Phil Gallagher and Zona Butler, both of whom are Certified Lay Ministers (CLM's), are leading our worship.

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 appreciated. 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 on-line, go to our web site and there you will find other options. We are grateful for your support!

Bible Study

We have changed the day of our weekly Bible study of the Gospel of Luke to **Tuesdays** from 7-8 pm If you wish to join the discussion please let Dr. Richard know and he will send you the notes from the Chapter we are studying, and how to access the on-line group. Jump in anytime, there is no time limit to the wisdom of Luke.

Pastor's Vacation

Tom and LeeAnne are visiting their children and grandchildren this week. Please keep their travels in your prayers. If there is a personal or family emergency don't hesitate to call Tom's cell phone. He will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

We've been careful to meet safely for worship and other church-related meetings. We will continue to do so.

We were so sorry and disappointed to hear that many of another congregation on the Island were infected last week. We are not yet sure how it happened, but this we do know. We not only need to pray for them, but pray for the strength to be committed to the health of one and all on Nantucket.

I have little doubt that this time in our lives is a test of our faith, on several levels. Our ultimate faith in the grace of God; our responsibility not only to be participants, but leaders in following the BEST practices of science in controlling this virus; our thanks-giving for the people who continue to sacrifice so much to be on the front line of our health and safety; and our commitment to pray earnestly for those who have lost loved ones to this horrible non-discriminatory virus. It has taken our children, our parents, our grandparents, our friends, and, at this point, too many of our country's people.

This virus, coupled with the concerns of racial justice, and a pending critical national election about honesty, integrity, justice all coalesce to create a prophetic moment.

What do we, as Christ's kingdom-building people, want our message to be and our lives to mean to this critical historic moment?

Grace and Peace, Tom

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