



**Nantucket**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday September 13, 2020**  
**10:00am**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2020

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Zona Butler**

**Announcements**

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## \* Call to Worship

Leader: By the tender mercy of God

**Congregation: A new day has broken upon us**

Leader: To give light to those who sit in darkness

**Congregation: To guide our feet in the ways of peace**

## \*Opening Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

77

### How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

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

Merciful God, we come together to worship, longing for tenderness because this world can be hard. We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows. We come desperately needing direction in these chaotic times, because chaos abounds. Fill us this hour and this day with your peace, which is our path, Amen

## **\*This Morning's Scriptures**

### **Psalm 103:1-7,8-13 (responsively)**

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Congregation: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Leader: He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

**Congregation: He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

Leader: He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**Congregation: The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

Leader: He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

**Congregation: The Lord is merciful and gracious**

Leader: Slow to anger, and abounding in love

Leader: He will not always accuse us, nor will he remain angry for ever.

**Congregation: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

**Congregation: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.**

Leader: As a father cares for his children, so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

## **\*The Gospel- Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded, His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn "Freely, Freely" No. 389**

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Freely, Freely

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been  
 2. All power is given in Je - sus' name, in

born a - gain in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I  
earth and heaven in Je - sus' name, and in Je - sus' name I

come to you, to share his love as he told me to.  
come to you, to share his power as he told me to.

*Refrain*

He said, "Free - ly, free - ly you have re - ceived,

free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -

cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

**Sermon "How Forgiving Are You?"** Dr. Richard

**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 "Take My Life And Let It Be" No. 399

399

### Take My Life, and Let It Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,  
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,  
3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days;  
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be  
long - er mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;

let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and  
filled with mes - sag - es from thee. Take my sil - ver  
it shall be thy roy - al throne. Take my love, my

let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.  
and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold.  
Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure - store.



Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
 Take my-self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

## **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*

## **Welcome**

This is a day that God has made. We are blessed that you are rejoicing in it with us.

## **Prayer Requests**

Dr Richard is asking if you would please write down the names of those you wish for him to include in this morning's prayers. Because of masks and distance to the pulpit he wants to be sure to receive your requests accurately. Use the cards in your bulletin and place them on the pulpit before our service begins.

## **Your Offering...**

Is so appreciated. Our church not only has a ministry here on Nantucket, but as United Methodists we have ministries and missions all over the world, spreading the Gospel and serving the needs of millions of people. If you are physically present 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 how to donate online. We are grateful for your support.



### **Bible Study**

The study of the Gospel of Luke continues on Wednesdays 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.

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

Dear Friends,

Ernest Hemingway grasped some of the difficulty that characterizes relationships between fathers and sons in his short story, *The Capital of the World*. The story revolves around a father and his teenage son Paco, set in Spain. Paco was an extremely common name in the Spain of that time. With desires to become a matador and to escape his father's control, Paco runs away to the capital city of Madrid.

His father, desperate to reconcile with his son, follows him to Madrid and puts an ad in a local newspaper with a simple phrase: "Dear Paco, meet me in front of the Madrid newspaper office tomorrow at noon. All is forgiven. I love you."

Hemingway then writes, "the next day at noon in front of the newspaper office there were 800 "Pacos" all seeking forgiveness."

The world is full of people in need of forgiveness and reconciliation for one reason or another. The model for such forgiveness is most profoundly found in Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom

## **Are 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.

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