

# Nantucket United Methodist Church Sunday September 13, 2020 10:00am Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard Pastor

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP September 3, 2020

Prelude Welcome Announcements

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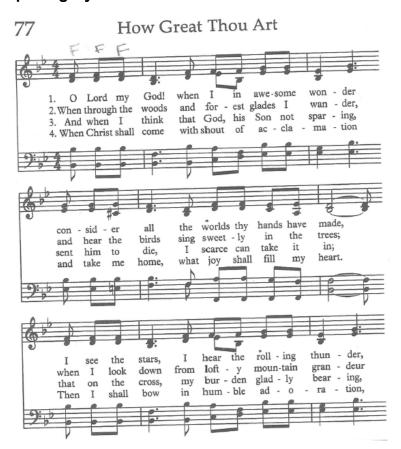
### \* Call to Worship

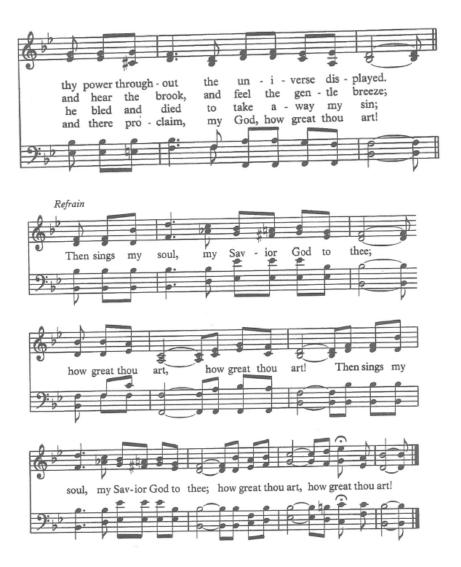
Leader: By the tender mercy of God

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





# \*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 "Feely, Freely" No. 389





Sermon "How Forgiving Are You?" Dr. Richard

# **Morning Prayers**

Prayer Requests \* Silent Meditation Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

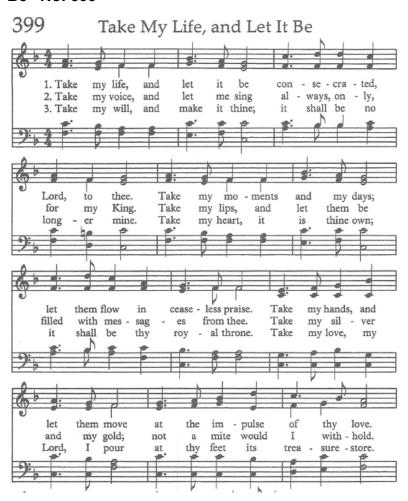
#### Call To Offering

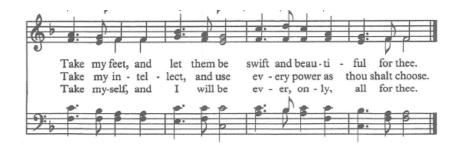
### \*Doxology

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





#### 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 online 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 of 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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