



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday September 19, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 19, 2021

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: How precious to you are your people, O God

Congregation: We are your salt of the earth, your light in the world.

Leader Bless our coming in, and our going out

Congregation: That what we learn, we will share

***Opening Hymn – please stand**

Guide Me Thou Great Jehovah No. 127

Invocation (in unison) – please be seated

As we go through this hour of worship, O God, walk with us; open our ears, awaken us; for we cannot take this journey lest we be guided, even pushed a bit. May our time together bless you, as you have blessed us, and continue to do so. Amen.

The Morning Scriptures – please be seated

A Reading from the book of James, Chapter 3:13-4:3

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within

you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures

***Gospel Reading – please stand**

A Reading from Mark's Gospel Chapter 9: 30-37

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – please stand**

The Lord's My Shepherd No. 136

The Sermon – please be seated

The Greatest **Dr. Richard**

The Morning Prayer – please be seated

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Call To Offering – please be seated

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanks – 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

***Closing Hymn – please stand**

Open My Eyes No. 454

***A Modern Affirmation (In unison) – please stand
No. 883**

***The Blessing – please stand**

***Choral Benediction (In unison) – please stand**

*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.*

Leader: And the people all said

Congregation: Amen

Welcome

This is a place of prayer and reflection. We are delighted that you have joined us for this hour and pray that it is a source of strength and hope for you.

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...

Everyone regardless of vaccination status must wear a mask at all times when inside the church building. We are using our hymnals. We have hand sanitizer available, if you wish to use it.

Prayer Requests

Each week we include in your bulletin a slip upon which you may request prayers. Simply fill it out and place it on the pulpit, and it will be included in the morning prayers.

Music Accompaniment

This week we will be using recorded music for our worship. Our accompanist Mollie Glazer begins her Fall and winter schedule with us next week.

Wednesday Zoom

This Wednesday at 7 pm Dr. Richard will be outlining a confirmation program to youth on Zoom. The connecting info is on the back of this bulletin.

Flowers From Your Garden

Do you want to honor or remember someone? Providing flowers for a worship service is a wonderful way to do so. Speak to Kathie Batchelder or call the church office and let us help you find a date.

What Does My Financial Contribution to NUMC Do?

It honors those who built this house, by keeping it in good repair for all who come to its doors to find peace, comfort and inspiration. Our contributions serve a world of needs, through the United Methodist Church world wide....and so much more. Our Recommended Option is to contribute online by going to the web site Tithe.Ly or by using the Tythe.Ly APP on your smart phone. You can also contribute during the weekly collection or by using the envelope and offering plate as you leave. You may also mail a check to NUMC Box 264 02554. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Annie's Kindness Blankets

Blankets are made to give a Hug-Love-Hope to someone who is ill or not feeling well, or to thank them for their kindness. You can call the Church office Monday and Thursday at 508-228-1882 or email Kathie Batchelder at church@nantucketunitedmethodist.com

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

In Greek there are two words “Good” – *Agathos* defines the quality of something that is good in character, beneficial in effect, or useful in action. Edible bread from Something Natural or chowder from Glidden’s Seafood has goodness that is precious to a hungry body.

Kalos describes something that is not only good in quality but also has an attractive and captivating character. The humility which causes a person of little means to be generous, is an example of this kind of “good.” *Kalos*, then, is a word reserved for something or someone that expresses goodness in a winsome or beautiful way.

Agathos and *kalos* appear 102 times in the New Testament. *Kalos* is important, a very important quality when we are trying to build a society where people want to be more than just correct. When your moral goodness is shared with others in inviting and winsome ways, people will be much more likely to want to be with you, to hear you, to see in you a good and lovely person.

One of our country’s true theological greats is Reinhold Niebuhr, who once wrote, “But the greatest moral and spiritual achievements depend not upon push but upon a pull.” People need to be charmed into righteousness. “We heard Jesus define it this way, “Let your light so shine, that people will see your (*kalos*) and glorify God in heaven.”

Doing good things for others is nothing short of wonderful. But I’ll go one step further and say to you striving to do good in lovely and winsome ways is what will keep this world in step with God.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

(This idea is from an article by Peter Marty, editor of Christian Century)

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NUMC Zoom Information—Used For All NUMC Zoom Events

Option 1 – From your computer, tablet or smart phone, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82150456279>

Option 2 –Join Zoom for audio only by dialing an access number listed below and then entering the Meeting ID which is [821 5045 6279](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82150456279):

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