



**Nantucket**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday September 20, 2020**  
**10:00am**  
**Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard**  
**Pastor**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Laura Brusca**

**Announcements**

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## \* Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship, asking to be made seekers for you, O God

**Congregation: Not only through our intelligence but in our hearts**

Leader: We want not only to know you better ...

**Congregation: But to follow and serve you better**

Leader: So give us open minds and open hearts this hour

## For the Beauty of the Earth

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1. For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,  
2. For the beau-ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,  
4. For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
5. For thy church, that ev-er-more lift-eth ho-ly hands a-bove,  
6. For thy-self, best Gift Di-vine, to the world so free-ly given,

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies;  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight;  
friends on earth and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild;  
of-fering up on ev-ery shore her pure sac-ri-fice of love;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.  
 \* Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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

As we gather may we glorify your name, knowing well  
 that as our hearts begin to worship, we'll be blessed  
 because we came. Amen

**\*This Morning's Scriptures**

**Psalm 105: 1-6**

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

Congregation: Make known among the nations what he has done.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praise to him;

Congregation: Tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

Congregation: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: Look to the LORD and his strength;

**Congregation: Seek his face always**

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done

**Congregation: His miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,**

Leader: You his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

**Congregation: Praise the Lord!**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius<sup>[a]</sup> for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they

went. “He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

**A Hymn “We Are Called” No. 2172**

We Are Called 2172

1. Come!	Live in the light!	_____	Shine with the
2. Come!	O - pen your heart!	_____	Show your
3. Sing!	Sing a new song!	_____	Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
great day when all will be one! God will reign, \_\_\_\_\_ and we'll

light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the  
hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will  
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -

*Refrain*

cit-y of God! \_\_\_\_\_  
be no more! \_\_\_\_\_ We are called to act with  
nit-ed in love! \_\_\_\_\_

jus-tice, \_\_\_\_\_ we are called to love ten-der - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ we are called to serve one an - oth-er, \_\_\_\_\_ to

walk hum-bly with God! \_\_\_\_\_

**Sermon “God’s Fairness” Dr. Richard**

**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 "Seek Ye First The Kingdom" No.405

Seek Ye First 405

D Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

right - teous - ness, ye shall find; and all these things shall be knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## **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.

## **Welcome Back Mollie!**

We are so delighted that Mollie is back with us. She and her son Isaiah will be our accompanists for the next several months.

## **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. In addition to mentioning people in today's prayers, Dr. Richard takes them with him for his own prayers during the week.

## **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.

## **SPRC TO MEET TODAY**

A reminder that the SPRC meets today after church in Wesley Hall and the Admin Board will meet this Tuesday at 5:15 in Wesley HALL..

## **Selectboard Email**

Our town Selectboard, at this most recent meeting, is concerned about the uptick on Island's the Covid19 virus . They have communicated concern to the Interfaith Council members religious organizations, asking us to stress the importance of continuing to be vigilant. Wear a mask, wash hands frequently, keep social distancing, and avoid congregating in large groups.

## **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. We use the same Zoom link that you use to join Sunday services.

## **Upcoming Lay Ministry Academy classes**

1. Leading Public Prayer - led by Comfort Doely-Leonard, Lay Speaker

Starting September 20th - 6:00-8:30 pm

2.. **Called to Preach - led by Rev. Sandy Sweet**

Starting September 27th - 6:00-8:30 pm

The fee for the above courses is \$30.00 and includes the course book.

To register, please

email: [seacoast.layregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:seacoast.layregistrar@gmail.com) Both courses are on Zoom



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

Dear Friends,

For those people who have worked for most if not all their lives for hourly wages, the parable of the workers is one that would surely raise one's blood pressure.

While serving a church in Southern California, we had three or four occasions when we needed extra, strong hands to move furniture from one part of the campus to another, or clean out a flooded basement in one of the buildings, or set up tents for our annual fair, etc. Timing was critical because the campus that was busy 7 days and nights a week. Our custodian said he would hire the men needed. When I asked where he would find them he said "the parking lot of Home Depot." I had never experienced anything like it. Within a half hour he had brought four or five men to the campus to help anywhere from 2-4 hours.

I was told that many of these men were either in the process of applying for work visas, citizenship applicants, or looking for a second or third income to support their families. When the project was done, we paid them according to the numbers of hours they had worked. You work for 2 hours. you are paid (and I made sure they were paid a fair wage, instead of the wage suggested to me) for two hours.

That seemingly "fair" trade was not what the farmer in the parable had in mind. He paid all of them as if they had all worked the same hours

We need to remember that we are talking about God's goodness - God's kindness, God's extravagance. It is Matthew's idea of a God who tuns the world upside down with God's "last, first, first last plan for humankind. As far as our Lord is concerned, love is extravagant, non-discriminatory, and fair. The plan for building God's

commonwealth is very different from our own...thank  
God.

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.

## Directory

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