



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday September 26, 2021
10:00am
Rev. Dr. Thomas M. Richard
Pastor
NantucketUMC.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 26, 2021

Prelude

Mollie Glazer

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:** **Sylvester Baptiste**

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

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

Leader Bless our coming in, and our going out

Congregation: That what we learn this hour, we will share

***Opening Hymn – please stand**
When Morning Gilds The Skies No. 185

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. 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 5:13-20

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

***Gospel Reading – please stand**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark chapter 9:38-50
“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched. everyone will be salted with fire. “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God

***A Hymn – please stand**

More Love To Thee No. 453

The Sermon – please be seated

“Salty Faith”

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**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit No.334

***The Blessing – please stand Sylvester Baptist**

***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

We are blessed by your presence this morning. Together we enter another beautiful season of the year – harvesttime. God’s creation abounds in fresher air, the fruits of the season, and the glorious conversion to Fall.

Our Reader

Sylvester Baptist is a lay leader in our church.

Welcome Back Mollie!

Mollie Glazer is an incredible artist/teacher on the faculty of Nantucket Music Center, and a performing cellist for a host of special events on Nantucket, and we are so fortunate that she is our winter accompanist.

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.

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.

Wednesday Zoom

This Wednesday at 7 pm Dr. Richard we will be returning to weekly bible study via zoom, discussing the book of James. Notes will be going out tomorrow in our weekly TGIM message. Join us! Connecting details are on the back of this bulletin.

What Does My Financial Contribution to NUMC Do?

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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

Fellowship Moments

Following worship these are light refreshments on the front porch of the church. Please take a few moments to enjoy each other's company. Our hosts this week are LeeAnne and Tom Richard. You can be a host/ess Just ask Kathie Batchelder.

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

We had friends from California visit us last week. The husband (John) worked for the State of California in finance until his retirement several years ago. His wife Tracy is still working.

Before I left the Church in Sherman Oaks I had talked John into being the treasurer of the church. Not an easy task with such a large church with multiple renters, a pre-school, and film crews renting space on the campus several times a year, and several AA groups meeting on the campus.

There were intermittent conversations about how the church was doing (mostly in finances) ,and some questions from our guests about what it meant for us to move from Congregationalism to Methodism, and what a wonderful experience it was for us to be with them for three years. But, this being their first time on the Island, the main topic of discussion was on the different areas of the Island, its challenges and rewards. So, in four hours we covered quite a bit.

In doing so we were reminded, once again, what Nantucket is all about and what a privilege it is to be serving and living here. At the end of the day, they were exhausted **and** well-informed! I can imagine you have hosted visitors as well. Isn't it amazing what it does for you to reflect for others what the Island means to you? If you need an energy-booster, there's nothing like seeing our Island from another's viewpoint. It helps you re-gain an appreciation for what we have and the kind of life we lead here..

When I look at our weekly readings from scripture, I try to imagine what the writers are seeing and hearing. I gain a new perspective on the meaning of its message. I hope I can always do so, and be faithful to it and to you in interpreting it.

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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