



Nantucket
United Methodist Church
Sunday September 27, 2020
10:00am
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Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 27, 2020

Prelude

Mollie Glazer

Welcome

Laura Brusca

Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We call to mind your deeds, O God

Congregation: We remember your wonders of old

Leader: We have come to meditate and muse on your word

Congregation: Your way is holy, there is none other like you

Leader: And so, we lift up our voices and open our minds in thanksgiving to you

***Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God” No. 62**

62 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2. O broth-er wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all crea-tures ye sus-
3. O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for thy Lord to
4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-fold-est bless-ings on our
5. All ye who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

Harmony *Unison*

sing, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er sun with
tain, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing morn, in
hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! O broth-er fire who
way, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! The flowers and fruits that
part, O praise ye! Al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long pain and

Refrain (Harmony)

gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon with sil-ver gleam!
 praise re-joyce, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice!
 lights the night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight, O praise ye!
 in thee grow, let them God's glo-ry al-so show!
 sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care!

Unison

O praise ye! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

6. And thou, our sister, gentle death,
 waiting to hush our latest breath,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Thou leadest home the child of God,
 and Christ our Lord the way has trod,
Refrain

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Refrain

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

God of mercy and might, In spite of our fears and anxieties, you bring us together as people called to ministry together. Bless this hour, help us to lean on your Spirit, as we look to you for guidance and direction in these times. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray, Amen

This Morning's Scriptures

Ezekiel 18:25-32

You say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin

they have committed they will die. But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? "Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of

God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Matthew 21:23-32

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God

A Hymn “The Servant Song” TSWS 2222

The Servant Song

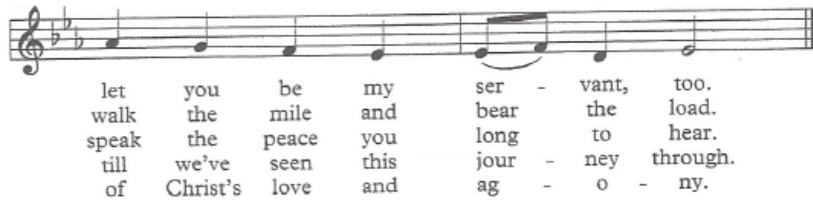
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1., 6. Broth-er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er
 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
 4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 on this road. We are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er



Sermon “The Politics of Faith” Dr. Richard

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

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 "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

***Postlude**

Mollie Glazer

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's ministry here on Nantucket and around the world depends on the tithes and offerings of our congregation and its supporters. If you are physically present this morning you can use the offering plate in the foyer to deposit your gift. If on-line to our web site NantucketUMC.org and there you will find other options. We are grateful for your support.

Bible Study

We have changed the day of our weekly Bible study of the Gospel of Luke to **Tuesdays** from 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—it is held using the same Zoom link we use for Sunday services. Jump in anytime, there is no time limit to the wisdom of Luke.

Pastor's Vacation

Tom and LeeAnne will be on vacation from this Thursday – Oct. 8th Next week we will celebrate Laity Sunday, usually scheduled for the second Sunday of October.

Upcoming Lay Ministry Academy class: 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 Both courses are on Zoom

From My Heart To Yours...

Dear Friends,

This past week, during the regular Thursday morning clergy chat with our District Superintendent, I asked the group, "What can we do as Churches and individuals within churches, as we watch the continuing demonstrations against racism?"

I've shared with you my concern that to read to pray, to demonstrate is all important, but we as Christians are constantly encouraged to "do" something, turn the words into actions.

Several ideas were mentioned by clergy from other parishes. Interfaith prayer zoom gatherings;

prayer cards to our police force, song feasts for peace, letters to representatives, were some of the ones our sister churches are engaged in. They confirmed for me that it is possible and called-for to “do” something.

We’ll continue to envision how our own parish can be part of a witness to Nantucket.

Grace and Peace,

Tom

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