

Order of Worship  
Sunday, May 16, 2021

**“You Are All Precious to God”**

(\*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)

**\* Opening Video**

**Prelude**

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

**Eastertide Welcome**

**Opening Song (Video)**      “You Are My Hiding Place” - SELAH

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

**Scripture Reading 1**

Luke 12: 22-34

Liturgists

22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[a] 26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. 30 For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, strive for his[c] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*May God’s Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we sing and hear, and the message shared this day.*

**Song (Video)**      “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” - Lynda Randle, David Phelps, Reggie Smith

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**Sermon Series: Parting Thoughts** "You Are All Precious to God"  
Craig

Pastor

**Song (Video)** "You Are Mine" - David Haas

**\*Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

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Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

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Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

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Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

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Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

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Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

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Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

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Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

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Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

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These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**

**Amen**

**Prayer Response (Video):** "Kyrie" JCUMC Virtual Choir

**We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service**

**Acknowledgement of Gifts \* Stewardship Video (?)**

**Song of Dedication (Video)** "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" - Riversong

**Music for Reflection** Dr. Olga Aynvarg

**Sending Forth** Pastor

**\* Closing Video**