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Sunday, May 9, 2021

“Detox! The Spiritual Path of Jesus for 21st Century Men”

*(*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) “Create in Me a Clean Heart” - Maranatha Singers

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading 1

Luke 1:46-55

Liturgists

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

Scripture Reading 2

Matthew 20:20-28

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20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. **21** And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." **22** But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"^[a] They said to him, "We are able." **23** He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. **25** But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. **26** It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; **28** just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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.

Anthem (Video) "Love the Lord Your God" JCUMC Virtual Choir

Sermon Series: Parting Thoughts "Why I Wrote Detox!" Pastor Craig

Song (Video) "Change My Heart, O God" - Vineyard

***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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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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 of
Bethesday Methodist Church

Music for Reflection

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Sending Forth

Pastor

Closing Song "My Life is in You, Lord" - Afrikaanse Christen Kerk, NZ

*** Closing Video**