

Order of Worship
Sunday, June 13, 2021

The Journey: From the Sieve to the Upper Room

*(*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

Welcome

Opening Song (Video) "Spirit of the Living God" - Invitation Music

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading

Luke 22: 31-32 Liturgist

³¹ "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded^[a] to sift all of you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

John 20-19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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) "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" - Sovereign Grace Music - Bob Kauflin

Sermon "The Journey: From the Sieve to the Upper Room" Rev. Dr Alex Awad

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Song (Video) "My Life is in You, Lord" - Afrikaanse Christen Kerk, Christchurch, NZ

***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.

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.

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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.

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 evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

Prayer Response (Video) "Cares Chorus" - Kelly Willard

We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Song of Dedication (Video) "More Precious Than Silver" - wmv.

Music for Reflection

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Sending Forth

***Closing Video**