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This Sunday July 21

SUNDAY SERMON PREVIEW

A Verdict, Values and Vision



Dear Nelly,

In the gospel story for Sunday, Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha for dinner rendered a verdict on values.

Six women jurors in a courtroom in Sanford, Florida this past Saturday for the murder trial of the 17 year old Trayvon Martin rendered a verdict on values. They were no doubt following the law and courtroom instructions as they understood them, but it is so very difficult to separate their verdict from what we seem to value as a nation and people.

I will have more commentary on Jesus' verdict on values at the dinner party in the home of Mary and Martha on Sunday. But for now, please consider this quote about the recent verdict on values in the Florida courtroom from a blog by Jim Wallis, President of Sojourners. The blog is titled: Lament from a White Father:

Recorder Consort
Rehearsal
9:30 am

Solo Quartet Rehearsal
10 am

Adult Bible Study
10 am

Children's Sunday School
10 am

Sunday Morning Prayer
Group
10:30 am

WORSHIP CELEBRATION
11 am
Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson,
preaching

Kid's Church
11 am

Lifeline Gathering
6 pm

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Summer Holy

It's time for white people - especially white parents - to listen, to learn, and to speak out on the terribly painful loss of Trayvon Martin.

If my white 14-year-old son Luke had walked out that same night, in that same neighborhood, just to get a snack he would have come back to his dad unharmed - and would still be with me and Joy today. Everyone, being honest with ourselves, knows that is true. But when black 17-year-old Trayvon Martin went out that night, just to get a snack, he ended up dead - and is no longer with his dad and mom. Try to imagine how that feels, as his parents.

It was a political, legal, and moral mistake to not put race at the center of this trial because it was at the center from the beginning of this terrible case. Many are now saying, "There was a trial; the results must be accepted." How well the case against George Zimmerman was prosecuted, how fair the tactics of the defense were, the size and selection of the jury, how narrowly their instructions were given - all will be the subject of legal discussions for a very long time.

But while the legal verdicts of this trial must be accepted, the larger social meaning of court cases and verdicts must be dealt with, especially as they impact the moral quality of our society.

This is not just about verdicts but also about values. And the impact of race in and on this case, this trial, and the response to it around the country must now all be centrally addressed.

Join us Sunday as we consider our response to the verdict in Florida and Jesus' vision for our lives and verdict on our values.

The readings for Sunday: [Genesis 18:9-15](#); [Luke 10:38-42](#)

See you at *The Park*!



Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

EVERY SUNDAY, 10:30 AM, Back of the Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Prayer Group

Conversations on the 2020 Vision

Quote of the Week

Upcoming Events

Service and Witness

* The [Saturday Community Lunch](#) program welcomes volunteers every Saturday. Contact [Rev. Luis-Alfredo](#) to participate.

* For information on free food and assistance programs throughout the five boroughs, visit the [New York City Coalition Against Hunger](#).

[Visit the church's volunteer webpage for more opportunities](#)





We invite you to join us in the back of the sanctuary for a time of prayer for our church community, our city and the world.

- July 21st at 10:30 am - specifically the Ministry Council, but everyone is invited.
- July 28th at 10:30 am - specifically the Team Leaders, but everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 11 & 18, 1-3:00 PM

Summer Holy Conversations on the 2020 Vision



God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Vision

We dare to SEE a faithful, growing healthy congregation of thousands over the next ten years that seeks to demonstrate true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

Values

We dare to BE a church that embraces the divinity and dignity of difference by actively seeking and welcoming all people regardless of race, age, culture, economic circumstance, sexual/gender orientation, physical or mental condition. We dare to be a church that lives to serve others.

Mission

We dare to DO ministry in such a way that reaches and impacts the upper east side,

- Donations**
 General Fund
 Flowers and Decorations Fund
 Stewardship Campaign Building Fund
 Sanctuary Book Fund

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the city of New York and beyond with the radical claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ through our worship and our witness as we strive to build and model the beloved community of God.

**Sunday,
August 11,
1:00 pm-3:30 PM
Holy Conversation**

Calling the Entire Congregation of *The Park!*

Join us for the third Holy Conversation on the future of our church.

A light lunch will be served.

To attend, please RSVP to Nelly x110 or Kim x102 in the church office.

**Sunday,
August 4, 1:00-3:00 PM
Holy Conversation**

Calling All Couples! Pastor Jackson and Ms. Tina invite all couples of the church to join them for a gathering at the Manse for a Holy Conversation on the future of our church. Those couples who have joined *The Park* and those who are yet discerning about their place at *The park*.

A light lunch will be served.

To attend, please RSVP to Nelly x110 or Kim x102 in the church office.

**Sunday,
August 18, 1:00-3:00 pm
Holy Conversation**

Calling All XY'ers! Pastor Jackson and Ms. Tina invite all XY'ers of the church (20-30 year olds) to join them for a gathering at the Manse and a Holy Conversation on the future of our church. All XY'ers whether you are new to the group or have been there for years, no matter if you are a regular or just one that pops in and out.

A light lunch will be served.

To attend, please RSVP to Nelly x110 or Kim x102 in the church office.

Quotes of the Week

Christian faith is a way of life not a grocery list of beliefs. The Christian religion asks us to place our trust not in ideas and certainly not in ideologies, but in a God who

was vulnerable enough to become human and die and desires to be present to us in everyday circumstances. . . It is in the realm of the daily and the mundane that we must find our way to God.

~Kathleen Norris

Upcoming Events

Sundays, July-August - Summer Choir, Sanctuary

Join the summer choir in leading worship. All are welcome to sing with us. Simply arrive at 9:45 a.m. and join in rehearsal at the front of the Sanctuary.

Sunday, July 28 - Stephen Epps, Guest Preacher

Sunday, August 4 - Dr. Glenn Carson, Guest Preacher

Did you know that there are scores of events -- bible study, concerts, committee, common interest, and self-help meetings -- happening every month at 1010 Park Avenue and around the city?

[Visit our website calendar](#) to find an activity that calls to you!

EVERY SATURDAY - Saturday Community Lunch Program

For over 20 years, *The Park* and its partnering congregations serve lunch to approximately 200 guests. [Contact Rev. Luis-Alfredo to volunteer.](#)

EVERY SUNDAY - [Lifeline](#), 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Lifeline is a spiritual gathering for people recovering from all kinds of addiction, affected family and friends, and others who seek the promise of healing and restoration that only God can provide. Beginning at 6 pm, there is an hour of meditative music, prayers and speaker who shares his or her experience about addiction, recovery and spirituality. Fellowship and food afterwards.

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