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SUNDAY SERMON PREVIEW

A Word For Our Time

Dear Nelly,

The political, social and cultural commentator David Brooks recently wrote a fascinating article for the New York Times about what our words tells us. About two years ago, the folks at Google released a database of 5.2 million books published between 1500 and 2008. You can type a search word into the database and find out how frequently different words were used in different periods of history.

It appears that recently, the last 48 years of so, since about 1960 words and phrases like "personalized," "self," "standout," "unique," "I come first" and "I can do it myself" were used more frequently. Communal words and phrases like "community," "collective," "tribe," "share," "united," "band together" and "common good" receded.

And what our words seem to be telling us is that over the past half-century we are becoming more individualistic and we are becoming less morally aware, less socially sensitive to others and less connected to the common good.

We hear it in our national dialogue around gun control legislation - "my guns, my second amendment rights, you are not going to take away from me"; immigration reform - "those "illegal aliens"; universal health care - "we can't afford it!". Our mid-century health outcomes (measured by low infant mortality and long life expectancy) were once with the best in the developed world. Now U.S. health care outcomes are the worst in the developed world - where we're decisively behind Japan, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Canada, France, Ireland, Italy, Australia, Greece, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, places with higher taxes than ours and one form or another of "socialized medicine."

This Sunday June 16

Adult Bible Study
10 am and 2 pm

Children's Sunday School
and Kids' Church
10 am and 11 am

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

XY Factor Gathering
12:30 pm

Lifeline Gathering
6 pm

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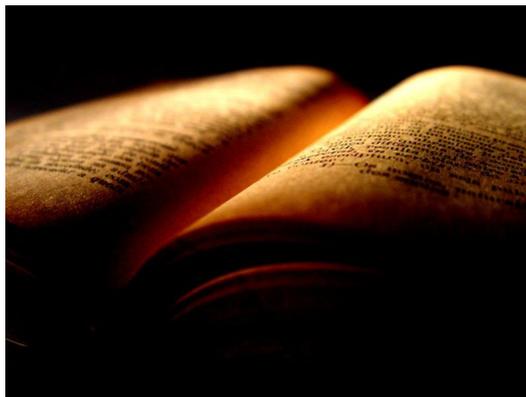
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Politicians (both parties) who tell us we just haven't got the money for a social welfare, 'nanny government,' and that we've got to balance the budget simply won't talk about the cost of social inequality in a stagnating economy, massive unemployment of our youth (including college graduates), and collapse of our educational base for industrial innovation and human growth in the arts. Our politicians (both parties) clamber to claim a high ground of fiscal responsibility (claiming moral justification for cutting programs) without challenging our exaggerated investment in prisons and war, both of which are vastly greater (proportionately and absolutely) than any other developed country.



Words matter. Words make a difference. Words proclaim who we are and what we value. Our life begins with a divine Word who walked among us.

Join us on Sunday as we proclaim a word for our time.

The readings: [Amos 7:7-13](#); [Luke 7:48-8:3](#)

See you at *The Park!*



Alvin

Rev. Dr. Alvin O. Jackson

THURSDAY, JUNE 13 at 6:30 PM, Connie Packard's Place

Ministry Council Meeting



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



Donations

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

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- Worship Schedule
- Free Parking

The Ministry Council Meeting is today, June 13 at 6:30 PM. It will be held at Connie Packard's place. The address is 1140 5th Avenue, Apt. 5-B, entrance is on 95th St.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16 at 11 PM, Sanctuary

Third Street Music Settlement Philharmonic Orchestra



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This Sunday we are pleased to welcome members of the Third Street Music Settlement Philharmonia Orchestra to worship. Directed by Sibylle Johner, the ensemble is comprised of talented young instrumentalists who study at the Third Street Settlement in the East Village, the country's oldest community music school. The Park hosted the ensemble's annual Fall Retreat in August 2012. As an expression of thanks for our hospitality, the musicians have returned to perform for us. We are deeply grateful for their presence and extend a warm welcome!

MONDAY, JUNE 17 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, Sanctuary

Hispanic Community Outreach

Hispanic Americans



The Reverend Ismael Sanchez and Dr. Daisy Machado will be making a presentation on outreach to the Hispanic community on Monday, June 17th at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary to leaders of the congregation. All are invited!

Quotes of the Week

The idea of inheritance affirms that there are enduring and resilient networks of meaning and relationship into which one is placed, and these are fundamental to the shape of society.

--Walter Brueggemann, 21st century

Earth provides enough to satisfy every [one's] need, but not every [one's] greed.

--Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 23 - Congregational Meeting, 12:30, Sanctuary

We will be voting on the slate of nominations as presented by the Nominating Team for vacant positions on the Elder Team, Deacon Team and Ministry Council.

Sunday, June 23 - Con Vivo Jersey City, 3 pm, Sanctuary

Enjoy a free concert in the Sanctuary presented by Arts at The Park's partner, [Con Vivo Jersey City](#). The program will feature the world premiere of *Native American Notes* by Oregon-based composer Greg Steinke, as well as two notable works of Benjamin Britten: *Lachrymae* for viola and piano, and the *Phantasy Quartet*. Minister of Music, Paul Vasile, will perform with the ensemble, which includes some of New York's finest young instrumentalists.

Sunday, June 30 - Gay PRIDE Parade, 11 am

The Park will be marching in the Gay PRIDE Parade...get *The Park* t-shirt and join the fun, living out the Divinity of Difference as we extend Radical Welcome to NYC and beyond!

Saturday, July 13 - General Assembly, Orlando, Florida

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join your Disciples family from the US and Canada for our biennial General Assembly. The 2013 General Assembly theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," calls us to pray deeply for God's direction, strength, courage, and initiative in mission. It offers the opportunity for praying communities of Disciples to connect with each other as the family of God. For more information, visit www.disciples.org/ga.

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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