

ST. DAVID & ST. MARTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:30 AM EDT

6:30 PM EAT

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Leading Worship: Rev. Meg Patterson

Music: Jennifer Channen

ENTRY OF THE BIBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This summer, God invites us to ask questions.

People: We have so many questions, God!

Leader: Who are you? What are you? Why do good things happen to some people and bad things happen to others?

People: We have so many questions, God!

Leader: Who are you? Where are you? Do you really love us? And our friends? And those who aren't our friends?

People: We have so many questions, God!

Leader: Why did Aaron and Moses have to die? How should we respond when your punishments seem unfair?

People: We are glad you are here God because we have lots of questions!

Leader: May our questions bring us closer to you as we worship you this morning.

[Source: Adapted from a Call to Worship called "Bringing Our Questions" by Thandiwe Dale-Ferguson and posted on Worship Words (<https://worshipwords.co.uk/bringing-our-questions-thandiwe-dale-ferguson-usa/>)]

HYMN: ***"Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet"***

#466, v. 1,2

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: (UNISON)

Our purpose is: to seek to know God; to nurture spiritual growth; to love and worship God and to do God's work.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See slides at the end.)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LESSONS FOR THE YOUNG

PRAISE IN THE AFRICAN WAY

Eta mandem (God loves me) by The Holy Trinity Choir *from Cameroon*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 99

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: The LORD sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

Leader: The LORD is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

People: Holy is the LORD!

Leader: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

People: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: Extol the LORD our God; worship at God's footstool.

People: Holy is the LORD!

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

People: They cried to the LORD, who answered them.

Leader: The LORD spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

People: they kept God's decrees, and the statutes that God gave them.

Leader: O LORD our God, you answered them;

People: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Leader: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at the holy mountain;

People: for the LORD our God is holy.

NUMBERS 20: 1-13; 22-29

In the first month the whole Israelite community arrived at the Desert of Zin, and they stayed at Kadesh. There Miriam died and was buried.

Now there was no water for the community, and the people gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron. They quarreled with Moses and said, "If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord! Why did you bring the Lord's community into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grapevines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!"

Moses and Aaron went from the assembly to the entrance to the tent of meeting and fell facedown, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. The Lord said to Moses, "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

So Moses took the staff from the Lord's presence, just as he commanded him. He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them,

“Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

These were the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the Lord and where he was proved holy among them.

The whole Israelite community set out from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor. At Mount Hor, near the border of Edom, the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Aaron will be gathered to his people. He will not enter the land I give the Israelites, because both of you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. Get Aaron and his son Eleazar and take them up Mount Hor. Remove Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar, for Aaron will be gathered to his people; he will die there.”

Moses did as the Lord commanded: They went up Mount Hor in the sight of the whole community. Moses removed Aaron’s garments and put them on his son Eleazar. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain, and when the whole community learned that Aaron had died, all the Israelites mourned for him thirty days.

NOMBRES 20: 1-13; 22-29

Toute l'assemblée des Israélites arriva dans le désert de Tsin le premier mois et le peuple s'arrêta à Kadès. C'est là que Miriam mourut et fut enterrée.

Il n'y avait pas d'eau pour l'assemblée. On se souleva donc contre Moïse et Aaron. Le peuple chercha querelle à Moïse. Ils dirent: «Si seulement nous avions expiré lorsque nos frères ont expiré devant l'Eternel! Pourquoi avez-vous fait venir l'assemblée de l'Eternel dans ce désert? Est-ce pour que nous y mourions, nous et notre bétail? Pourquoi nous avez-vous fait quitter l'Egypte, si c'est pour nous amener dans cet endroit de malheur? Ce n'est pas un endroit où l'on puisse semer et il n'y a ni figuier, ni vigne, ni grenadier ni eau à boire.»

Moïse et Aaron s'éloignèrent de l'assemblée pour se rendre à l'entrée de la tente de la rencontre. Ils tombèrent le visage contre terre et la gloire de l'Eternel leur apparut.

L'Eternel dit à Moïse: «Prends le bâton et convoque l'assemblée, toi ainsi que ton frère Aaron. Vous parlerez au rocher en leur présence et il donnera son eau. Tu feras sortir pour eux de l'eau du rocher et tu feras boire l'assemblée et leur bétail.» Moïse prit le bâton qui se trouvait devant l'Eternel, comme l'Eternel le lui avait ordonné. Moïse et Aaron convoquèrent l'assemblée en face du rocher et Moïse leur dit: «Ecoutez donc, rebelles! Est-ce de ce rocher que nous ferons sortir de l'eau pour vous?» Puis Moïse leva la main et frappa deux fois le rocher avec son bâton. Il sortit de l'eau en abondance.

L'assemblée but, ainsi que le bétail.

Alors l'Eternel dit à Moïse et à Aaron: «Puisque vous n'avez pas eu assez confiance en moi pour respecter ma sainteté devant les Israélites, vous ne ferez pas entrer cette assemblée dans le pays que je lui donne.»

Ce sont les eaux de Meriba parce que les Israélites contestèrent avec l'Eternel et sa sainteté fut reconnue parmi eux.

Toute l'assemblée des Israélites partit de Kadès et arriva au mont Hor.

L'Eternel dit à Moïse et à Aaron vers le mont Hor, sur la frontière du pays d'Edom: «Aaron va rejoindre les siens. En effet, il n'entrera pas dans le pays que je donne aux Israélites parce que vous vous êtes rebellés contre mon ordre, aux eaux de Meriba. Prends Aaron et son fils Eléazar, et fais-les monter sur le mont Hor. Retire à Aaron ses vêtements et mets-les à son fils Eléazar. C'est là qu'Aaron s'en ira et mourra.» Moïse fit ce que l'Eternel avait ordonné. Ils montèrent sur le mont Hor sous les yeux de toute l'assemblée. Moïse retira à Aaron ses vêtements et les mit à son fils Eléazar. Aaron mourut là, au sommet de la montagne, puis Moïse et Eléazar descendirent de la montagne. Toute l'assemblée vit qu'Aaron avait expiré, et toute la communauté d'Israël pleura Aaron pendant 30 jours.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: *"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"*

#357 v.1-4

SERMON: *Our choices; God's punishment*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OUR OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#830

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Forever. AMEN

HYMN: *"Come, children, join to sing"*

#377 v.1-3

COMMISSIONING : *"Go Now In Peace"* (Sung)

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN (Sung)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Saints Service Leaders

Regular Minister: Rev. Meg Patterson

Summer Guest Preachers:

August 23: Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand

Sept 6: Esther Ekong



Rev. Meg's Office Hours

Summer Office Hours:

9am-3pm, on these Thursdays:

August 6

August 27