

**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: What is the purpose of books like Revelation? And why did you show John a dragon in his vision?

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 to the Lord, the Almighty"***

#321, v. 1,3,4

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

Everlasting by Evelyn Wanjiru from Kenya

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 118: 1-16

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Let those who fear the LORD say,

People: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

People: With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals.

People: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Leader: All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

People: They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

Leader: They surrounded me like bees; they blazed like a fire of thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

People: I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my might and has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

People: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

REVELATION 12:1-17

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.
They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”

When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

APOCALYPSE 12:1-17

Un grand signe apparut dans le ciel: c’était une femme enveloppée du soleil, la lune sous les pieds et une couronne de douze étoiles sur la tête. Elle était enceinte et elle criait, car elle était en travail, dans les douleurs de l’accouchement.

Un autre signe apparut dans le ciel; c’était un grand dragon rouge feu, qui avait sept têtes et dix cornes, et sur ses têtes sept diadèmes. Sa queue entraîna le tiers des étoiles du ciel et les jeta sur la terre.

Le dragon se plaça devant la femme qui allait accoucher, afin de dévorer son enfant dès

qu'il serait né. Elle mit au monde un fils, un enfant mâle qui doit diriger toutes les nations avec un sceptre de fer, et son enfant fut enlevé vers Dieu et vers son trône. Quant à la femme, elle s'enfuit dans le désert, où Dieu lui avait préparé une place, afin d'y être nourrie pendant 1260 jours.

Il y eut alors une bataille dans le ciel. Michel et ses anges combattirent contre le dragon. Le dragon et ses anges combattirent aussi, mais ils ne furent pas les plus forts, et il n'y eut plus de place pour eux dans le ciel. Il fut jeté dehors, le grand dragon, le serpent ancien, appelé le diable et Satan, celui qui égare toute la terre; il fut jeté sur la terre et ses anges furent jetés avec lui.

Puis j'entendis dans le ciel une voix forte qui disait: «Maintenant le salut est arrivé, ainsi que la puissance, le règne de notre Dieu et l'autorité de son Messie. En effet, il a été jeté dehors, l'accusateur de nos frères et sœurs, celui qui les accusait jour et nuit devant notre Dieu. Ils l'ont vaincu grâce au sang de l'Agneau et grâce à la parole de leur témoignage, et ils n'ont pas aimé leur vie au point de craindre la mort. C'est pourquoi réjouis-toi, ciel, et vous qui habitez le ciel. Mais malheur à vous, habitants de la terre et de la mer, car le diable est descendu vers vous, animé d'une grande colère, sachant qu'il lui reste peu de temps.»

Quand le dragon vit qu'il avait été précipité sur la terre, il poursuivit la femme qui avait mis au monde l'enfant mâle. Mais les deux ailes du grand aigle furent données à la femme, afin qu'elle s'envole au désert, vers l'endroit où elle doit être nourrie un temps, des temps et la moitié d'un temps, loin du serpent. Alors le serpent vomit de sa gueule comme un fleuve d'eau derrière la femme, afin qu'elle soit entraînée par le courant. Mais la terre secourut la femme: elle s'ouvrit et engloutit le fleuve que le dragon avait lancé de sa gueule. Furieux contre la femme, le dragon s'en alla faire la guerre au reste de sa descendance, à ceux qui respectent les commandements de Dieu et qui gardent le témoignage de Jésus.

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

HYMN: *"Dear Father, Lord of humankind"*

#451 v.1,2,5,6

SERMON: *Fire-breathing Rome*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OUR OFFERING

ANTHEM: *Castles in the Sand by Mission*

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

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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: *"Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus"*

#370 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:

August 27, 9am-3pm