

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: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

People: For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

People: For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Leader: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

People: For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Source: written by Katherine Hawker, 2006. Posted on Liturgies Outside.

<http://liturgyoutside.net/>

HYMN: *"Follow me, the Master said"*

#645 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

**Praise Him in an African Way, originally by Panam Percy Paul,
this cover by House Of Worship Ke who primarily worship in Swahili.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 146

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

People: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Leader: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

People: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

People: the LORD loves the righteous.

Leader: The LORD watches over the strangers, and upholds the orphan and the widow;

People: but the LORD brings the way of the wicked to ruin.

Leader: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

People: Praise the LORD!

GENESIS 1:1-13

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing

fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

MATTHEW 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

MATTHIEU 20:1-16

»En effet, le royaume des cieux ressemble à un propriétaire qui sortit dès le matin afin d'embaucher des ouvriers pour sa vigne. Il se mit d'accord avec eux pour un salaire d'une pièce d'argent par jour et les envoya dans sa vigne. Il sortit vers neuf heures du matin et en vit d'autres qui étaient sur la place, sans travail. Il leur dit: 'Allez aussi à ma vigne et je vous donnerai ce qui sera juste.' Et ils y allèrent. Il sortit de nouveau vers midi et vers trois heures de l'après-midi et il fit de même. Il sortit enfin vers cinq heures de l'après-

midi et en trouva d'autres qui étaient là, [sans travail]. Il leur dit: 'Pourquoi vous tenez-vous ici toute la journée sans travailler?' Ils lui répondirent: 'C'est que personne ne nous a embauchés.' 'Allez aussi à ma vigne, leur dit-il, [et vous recevrez ce qui sera juste].' Le soir venu, le maître de la vigne dit à son intendant: 'Appelle les ouvriers et paie-leur le salaire, en allant des derniers aux premiers.' Ceux de cinq heures de l'après-midi vinrent et reçurent chacun une pièce d'argent. Quand les premiers vinrent à leur tour, ils pensèrent recevoir davantage, mais ils reçurent aussi chacun une pièce d'argent. En la recevant, ils murmurèrent contre le propriétaire en disant: 'Ces derniers arrivés n'ont travaillé qu'une heure et tu les as traités comme nous, qui avons supporté la fatigue du jour et de la chaleur!' Il répondit à l'un d'eux: 'Mon ami, je ne te fais pas de tort. N'as-tu pas été d'accord avec moi pour un salaire d'une pièce d'argent? Prends ce qui te revient et va-t'en. Je veux donner à ce dernier arrivé autant qu'à toi. Ne m'est-il pas permis de faire ce que je veux de mes biens? Ou vois-tu d'un mauvais œil que je sois bon?' Ainsi les derniers seront les premiers et les premiers seront les derniers. [Beaucoup sont invités mais peu sont choisis.]»

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

HYMN: *"God, who made the earth"*

#705

SERMON: *Our Generous God*

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: *"I sing the almighty power of God"*

#333

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

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN (Sung)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Celebrating the Blessings of God

TODAY!!! *after service*

Bring your own Lunch

Join us after service as we name the strengths and gifts of St. David & St. Martin and celebrate the various ways that God has blessed us. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and hope as we look to what God is calling us into this fall.



MCF Kenya Narratives

Narratives about the Mully Childrens Family visit made by the Rev. George Zimmerman in early 2026.

Come and enjoy this presentation by George on **Saturday September 19th** between 2.30pm and 4.30 pm at the Church.

Contributions of food, tea and coffee very welcome