"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Revelation 5:10



Life on earth is a journey of our transformation to become more like Jesus, who has delivered us from evil, sin, and death, until the glorious day when we spend eternity with him. This week we look at the Book of Revelation and ponder the question, *Why are we here*?

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Rev. 5:9-14

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll

and to open its seals,

because you were slain,

and with your blood you purchased for God

persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength

and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power,

for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Rev. 7:9-12

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

"Amen!

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome!

We're glad you are here. We know you have many choices of what to do with your time. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We want you to know that in order to make this the best possible experience for you...

We will go out of our way to:

- Be clear about Jesus. Present as clear a picture as we can of the positive, hopeful, life-changing message of Jesus Christ.
- Make sure you feel welcome. Our commitment is to make sure you feel accepted, valued and never judged.
- Make what you wear a non-issue. You are dressed perfectly. Jesus cares about you, not your clothes. We feel the same way.
- Let you be anonymous. We won't single you out or make you feel awkward. We'll introduce ourselves, but not be pushy.
- Talk in words that make sense, and if we use special words, we'll carefully explain them.
- Not pressure you to give. No guilt. Believe it or not, we don't care whether you give money. You are our welcome guest today.
- Take care of your children. We are as nuts about the safety and care of your children as we are about Jesus.
- Love you. Even if we don't know you yet, we know God loves you and, therefore, so do we.

Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center. We have a gift and a warm welcome for you. Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Psalm 66:1-2

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

MUSIC

Drums and stringed instruments are mentioned in the Bible, and we use them freely in this service. The emphasis is on celebration and great joy.

MESSAGE

God is at work in this world and speaks to us through his Word written and spoken. Through the Scriptures, the Spirit of God works to convict and convert hearts and build up the faith of believers.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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CHILDREN

Preschool and Elementary age children are invited to Kid's Worship where they will hear a lesson based on a Bible passage and have fun with group activities that help the lesson stick. Parents, please sign your children in before 9:30am each Sunday morning. Sign them out when you pick them up at the end of worship.

Ages 18 months - 5 years in Room #11 Kindergarten - 5th Grades in Room #10 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:4-5

TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Gather in God's Name

Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

O Holy God, like Isaiah the prophet, we stand in awe of your glory, feeling tremendously small and tainted by our sin and the sin of our society. Even so, you touch us with your burning presence, and we are made clean and whole. God, our Creator, continue to build this household of faith into what you want us to be. Christ, our Savior, lead us to do as you will. Spirit, our power, strengthen us for the work of the Kingdom, a worship and a service which is ours today as well as tomorrow. Blessed Trinity, fill this place and these people with your presence. For yours is the power and glory, now and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prelude	Mark Hunter	
<i>The Three</i> Kings – Held		
Chiming of the Hour	Mark Hunter	
Welcome & Video Announcements	Amanda Bowman	
Responsive Call to Worship – (based on Psalm 66)	Carol White	
Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!		
People: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.		
Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"		
People: So great is your power, Lord, that your enemies cringe before y	you.	
Leader: All the earth bows down to you, Mighty God. They sing the praises of your name.		
People: Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for man	nkind!	
Leader: Let the people of God stand and worship!		
*Congregational Singing		
"We Three Kings of Orient Are" #176		

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Congregational Response

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy Triune God, you so loved the world, continue to love the world and will always love the world. Forgive us for our abuse of your created order and its intended harmony. Forgive us for our violence against our fellow creatures, including those made in your image. Forgive us for our indifference, cynicism, and our insensitivity. Cast out our fear with the faith that you can do all things, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response #535

"Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace."

Prayers of the People

Here, we offer God prayers for people, the church, the community, the nation, and the world as well as personal prayers of confession. We conclude with the following words of the Lord's Prayer.

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Carol White

Gloria Patri

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Offertory

As With Gladness Men of Old Chancel Choir

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory and Proclamation Prayer**

The Word of God Proclaimed

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Going Out in God's Name

*Congregational Singing *"How Great Thou Art" (Back cover inside Hymnal)*

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Janice Raymond

Congregational Benediction Response #78

"God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again."

Postlude

Mark Hunter

Kings of Orient

(Please remain seated until the Postlude finishes.)

* Please stand, if able.

Carol White

Overflow Student Ministries & Mission

SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	MISSION
Nursery/Preschool	Nursery/Preschool	Dunedin Cares is our monthly
18 months - age 5	18 months - age 5	food drive. Throughout the
9:30am – 10:30am	6:30pm – 8:00pm	month we collect items and
Location: Room 11	Location: Room 11	donate them to Dunedin
Elementary Age Children K – 5th Grade Location: Room 10 9:30am – 10:30 am	The Current K − 5 th Grade 6:30pm − 8:00pm Location: Room 10	Cares, the community Food Pantry. Suggested items for January are Jello, pudding, cookies, chips, cheese slices, pancake mix and syrup, ground
<u>Middle and High School</u>	Overflow Youth	coffee, tea bags, fruit snacks,
<u>Youth</u>	6 th – 12 th Grade	canned soups, canned beans,
9:30am – 10:30am	6:30 – 8:00 pm	etc.
Worship in sanctuary	Location: Room 12	Next Van Pick Up: 1/23/22

Life Groups Meeting Throughout the Week

NOTICE: All groups are always open to newcomers - no reservation necessary, just show up. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many groups are meeting on ZOOM. Contact the Leader of the group you would like to attend to access the meeting on ZOOM.

<u>SUNDAY</u>

9:30 am Davidson Group – A study of the Gospel of Luke will begin on October 10th. All you need is a Bible, and if you forget yours, we'll loan you one. Contact Ron Roberson: **operations@sapcd.org**

6:00 pm Impact – meets 1st and 3rd Sundays on ZOOM. Contact Barb Hogsett<u>(bshogsett@gmail.com)</u> or Trish Pierson (<u>trishpierson@hotmail.com</u>).

MONDAY

6:00 pm – Bowman Group. Meeting in Room 12. Contact Amanda Bowman (<u>amanda@sapcd.org</u>).

7:00 pm - Love Does is a hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the Fiegle home. Contact Debi Fiegle (**dajfig@msn.com**).

<u>TUESDAY</u>

2:00 pm – Presbyterian Women Circles meet on ZOOM the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Dr. Janice Raymond for link (**jransmar@gmail.com**).

2:00 pm – Dr. Janice Raymond - Bible Study - Revelations on ZOOM. Contact Dr. Janice Raymond for link (<u>jransmar@gmail.com</u>).

FRIDAY

6:30 pm - Friday Night Light – 1st & 3rd Fridays on ZOOM. Studying from Right-Now Media videos. Contact Carol White (<u>cwsunny@verizon.net</u>).

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Those With Special Needs

Charlotte Quick Dan and Sue Latsha Dianna Carty Cindy Withrow Jean Lennon Patty Ingman Eleanor Conklin Jeannine Beebe John Corl Martha Brown Janet Calve Jack Beebe Barry Dowdy Betty DeBauche

Those Serving in the Military

Jeremy Roberson (Navy) Chris Bogart (Air Force) Sergio Adam Castillejo (Coast Guard) Trevor Grantham (Marines) Cody Noble (Marines) Jacob Miller (Navy)

Those Who Grieve

The family of Shirley Colglazier The family of Allan Botbyl The family of Carole Wilson The family of Bill Miedema The family of Opal Roth

Those in the Hospital

Those Who Are in Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers Eleanor Conklin, St. Mark Village Long Term Health Care Center, Palm Harbor Myra Exler, Mease Manor Assisted Living, Dunedin Bill Hupp, Consulate Health Care, Safety Harbor Dee Nickels, St. Marks Memory Care, Palm Harbor Louise Smith, Coral Oaks Assisted Living, Palm Harbor Nancy Sullivan, Grand Villa, Clearwater

Out of the Area Marjorie Krueger, Clare Bridge of Jacksonville, 1005 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257 Pat Quinlan, Woodbury Senior Living, 7012 Lake Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125

In addition, please pray for our church, the church universal, our community, our nation and our world, those in distressing circumstances, and those in authority.

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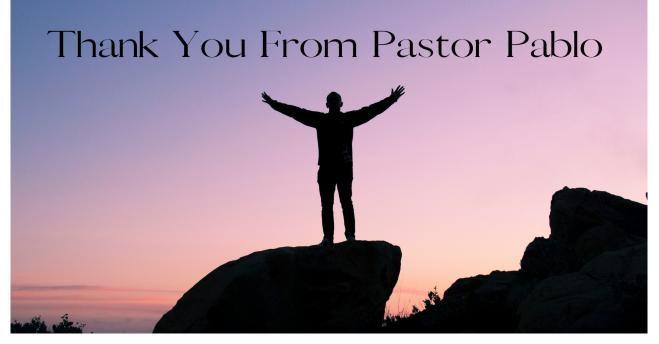
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Peace & Love,

Pastor Pablo & Elba Diaz



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