

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose faithfulness to us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In His name we ask, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

~WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD~

PASTORAL PRAYERS, SILENT PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

~WE MEET GOD THROUGH THE WORD~

Message: The Woman and the Dragon

Pastor Jeff Ogden

Scripture: Revelation 12:1-18

¹ *A great and wondrous 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. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴ His 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 he might devour her child the moment it was born. ⁵ 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. ⁶ The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.*

⁷ *And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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 Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. ¹¹ They overcame 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. ¹² 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."*

¹³ *When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. ¹⁵ Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring-- those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁸ And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea.*

~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

INVITATION

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WORSHIP SONG

**What a Beautiful Name*

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High;
Your hidden glory in creation
now revealed in You our Christ.

Chorus What a beautiful Name it is;
What a beautiful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is;
Nothing compares to this;
What a beautiful Name it is; the Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us;
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down;
My sin was great, Your love was greater;
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is;
What a wonderful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is; nothing compares to this;
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Bridge Death could not hold You,
The veil tore before You,
You silence the boast of sin and grave;
The heavens are roaring,
The praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal,
Now and forever God You reign;
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is; what a powerful Name it is;
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
Repeat

Ending What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**May the Lord, Mighty God*

May the Lord, mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace,
Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes, and see His face,
And His grace forever.
May the Lord mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever.

**Those who are able will please stand.*

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during worship.

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Our Prayers: Doris Spain - continued restoration of her home; safe Labor Day Weekend; all affected by the fires; healing for everyone with cancer; preschool and new K-5 programs; those serving our nation and their families; our nation and leaders.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR LORD'S SUPPER this morning. Membership is not a requirement to share in communion at The Village Church. All those who repent and profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and baptized children being raised in the faith are invited to participate in this Sacrament. If you are not able to receive communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

A PRAYER OF PERSONS SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL DEACON FUND OFFERINGS are received each Sunday we share in our Lord's Supper. Funds received are used to assist members of The Village Church family and others in times of serious need--such as medical emergencies, clothing and utility bills. One of the ministries supported through these funds is our Food Closet. Deacon Fund offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

CHURCH HIKES - Hikes are on Saturdays at 8:00am meet in Church parking lot at 7:50am (no carpooling & social distancing required).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BOARD MEETING - The Women's Ministry Board will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

SESSION MEETING - Our Session will meet on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

DEACON'S MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY. Our Deacons will meet next Sunday, September 13th at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom meeting.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING. The missions committee will meet on Monday, September 14th at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING. The nominating committee will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

WOMEN'S KAYAK/PADDLE: Tuesday, September 15th 9am at Ski Beach. RSVP required to millie.clarke@gmail.com, include in email preference for heading to Hidden Beach, Sand Harbor, or Burnt Cedar.

CHURCH ELDER & DEACON NOMINATING If you would like to nominate a Church member for Elder or Deacon, please fill out the form located on the church counters and drop of at the Church by September 13th.

PRAYER GROUP. Pastor Jeff will be having a prayer group via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSE FOOD DISTRIBUTION. We have partnered with Sierra Community House for them to hold their distributions in our parking lot/driveway. The drive through distributions are every Thursday from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Saturday has an urgent need for help even for a couple hours a week. Please contact Vickie Twichell 775-434-5830 if you can serve on Saturdays. The Thrift Shop days of operation are Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Our Sunday School is in need of volunteers to teach Sunday School. Please email to Darlene Nilsson at dac0857@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

