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Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love,
as Directed by God's Word

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Welcome to Worship On the Cross we see Jesus sharing in our trouble and pain. In so doing, a number of things happen: 1) Our suffering becomes more bearable. 2) Our suffering begins to take on purpose or meaning, and 3) In the light of our Savior's suffering, our pain mysteriously contributes to the work of our redemption. This does not, of course, minimize the emotional weight and the physical pain of suffering. We should all bear this in mind and remain sensitive to others and compassionate towards their suffering. When suffering, troubles and sorrow come, I'm discovering that the most important question to ask is not "Why is God letting this happen to me?" but "How is God at work in the circumstances of my life? What might God be doing in my heart through this dark valley?" *-Pastor Karl*

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR	Karl E. McDonald
PARISH ASSOCIATE	Robert T. Downs
STUDENT ASSISTANT	William Quinn
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	Matt Hoffman
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Vicki Halaja
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CUSTODIAN	Jonathan Soisson

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

MUSIC DIRECTOR	Jayne McDonald
INSTRUMENTAL COORDINATOR	Kathy Gadsby
NURSERY COORDINATOR	Lori Ryan
CLERK OF SESSION	Diane Kuffner
MODERATOR OF DEACONS	Jim Mitchell
ELDER OF THE MONTH	Tom Simchak
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Debbie Bucek and Melissa McCormick

Flower Delivery: Debbie Orr and Melissa Bamford
Counters: Joe McCormick and Cheryl Simchak

GREETERS: (Today)
8:30 Ken and Linda Barth
11:00 Ellie Marion

GREETERS: (Next Week)
8:30 Margie Leck
11:00 Dave and Lynne Bryan

BENEVOLENCE OFFERINGS unless otherwise designated, support:
Today: Pittsburgh Project
Next Sunday: Open Door (Crafton)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (TODAY)
Head to Heart

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND PRESCHOOLERS
Welcome! Your children are welcome to join us in worship today. For parents who wish to use it, childcare is provided for infants and preschoolers in the church nursery and staffed by loving volunteers. When they are ready, we gladly welcome your children to all worship services. We understand in doing so we are fulfilling part of our promise to nurture these little ones in the faith. Children learn best by observing and participating. Parents can explain and model worship for their children when they bring them to worship. Thanks again for joining us in worship today. We are glad that you are here.

NURSERY (This Week) 8:30 AM
Chris and Mollie Hartman

NURSERY (This Week) 11:00 AM
0-2 Linda & Bill Kent
3-4 Annie Chimera and Joe McCormick

NURSERY (Next Week) 8:30 AM
Bob and Linda Planz

NURSERY (Next Week) 11:00 AM
0-2 Susan and Tim Chimera
3-4 Don and Jennifer Lemasters

Today's Flowers are given:
In memory of members of our congregation who have joined the church triumphant.

If you are interested in receiving the church's prayer chain emails, please send a request to kenmawrsecretary@comcast.net

TODAY AT KMUPC
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Choir Practice	8:00 and 10:30
Morning Worship	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Deacons and Elders	12:00
MLS Football & Cheer Sign ups	2-4
MS/HS Youth Groups	6:00

WEEKLY EVENTS

Apr 1st - Girl Scouts	6:30
Al Anon	7:30
Girl Scouts	7:30
Apr 2nd - Lord's Lambs	1:00
Apr 3rd – Lenten Dinner	5:30
JAM	6:30
Choir	7:00
Apr 4th – Staff Meeting	1:00
Growth Group	7:30
Apr 5th – HS Breakfast & Devotions	6:15
Quilters	10:00
MLS Football and Cheer Sign ups	6:00
Apr 7th – Communion	
Caring Heights Visit	3:00

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr 8th - Girl Scouts	6:30
Al Anon	7:30
Girl Scouts	7:30
Apr 9th – Garden Club	11:00
Esther Circle	7:00
Apr 10th – Lenten Dinner	5:30
JAM	6:30
Choir	7:00

Jesus and Me

JAM meeting this week
April 3rd at 6:30 pm
"Listen for God" is this week's theme.
Children ages 4 through the 4th grade will grow in God's word through stories, songs, games and crafts.

Announcements

Lenten Dinner THIS WEDNESDAY
Sign up using the insert in the bulletin today!
Starts at 5:30 on April 3rd.

Any offering made to the "Paving the Way" line item on our offering envelopes will be directed to Capital Improvements since the Paving the Way loan is paid off. Thank you!

Food Pantry "NEED" of the week:
Pasta and
Pasta Sauce

Youth Events

ATTENTION PARENTS: *There will be NO "Journey to the Cross" Children's Program on Good Friday morning this year. However there is a "Time with the Children" included in the 12 pm Good Friday Service.*
The regular Sunday School classes for the elementary aged children for the whole month of April will be "Holy Week".

HIGH SCHOOLERS
Join Pastor Karl on Friday mornings continuing
THIS FRIDAY, April 5th
UNDIVIDED: Loving God Above All Else
a 6-week Breakfast Study
6:15 AM in the Welcome Room
ONLY A TWO WEEKS LEFT

Middle School and High School Youth Groups meet tonight at 6:00 pm

There are still a few spots available for Work Camp June 23-29
Youth entering 9th through 12 grade
See Jason Ditzenberger ASAP if interested

Camp Lambec Music Camp
July 7-12
Grades 3-12

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Greetings & Welcome
Guests and Visitors - Please sign a blue Connection Card

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
Deacons will collect prayer requests

*Prayer of Confession
Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish pursuits and deceitful desires. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. Help us to turn to you and find your forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in Jesus our life and joy and peace. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn #257
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Time with the Children

Anthem

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People & 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.

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn # 34

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #628 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Luke 24:19-21, 25-27 (p. 1060)

Sermon "Sacrificial Death"

Go to www.kenmawrchurch.org for an audio or print copy of this sermon

*A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe in the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
of the throne of God. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Sending Song "Calm Me, Lord" *See Insert*
(Sing Twice—Instrumental—Sing Twice)

*Benediction

*Postlude

***All are invited to stand**

Announcements

Next Week's Sermon: "Silent Tomb" Luke 24:22-24

Confirmation Classes

for students in 7th grade or older
who are interested in joining the church
begin on Wednesday April 24th.
Classes are on Wednesday and Sundays
(April 24, 28, and May 1, 5, 8 & 12)
Contact the church office if you are interested
in joining this class. 412-331-2863

KMUPC Women's Brunch
Saturday April 27th
at 11:00 am.
Guest Speaker: Barb Hines Kennedy
Reservations required
$7.00 per person
(Hosted by the KenMawr Moms Group)
Reservation forms available in the Welcome Area