

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 22, 2020

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Revelation 1:5-8 (NKJV)

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with clouds and every eye will see Him even they who pierced Him.

And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

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Welcome

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord! Most of us prefer buying something at “wholesale” prices from a warehouse type of store, so why wouldn’t we have an interest in “wholesale” giving? Sometimes people avoid any involvement with the wholesale approach to giving because they find it less rewarding than giving to an individual. They avoid supporting international assistance programs, echoing cliches about helping our neighbors first. I believe this attitude is a mistake. Missional opportunities arise both near and far away. Mercy is not meant to satisfy the giver. It’s meant to serve Jesus Christ, who is waiting in distant lands for our help as truly as he is waiting across town or down the street. Let’s put our faith into action. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #646

“As We Gather”

*As we gather may your spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our heart begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came
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Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O

merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name:
glad praises we sing.**

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Time with the Children (Kids spell Love T-I-M-E)

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.

Prayer Response

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly

I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ 46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (NIV)

Sermon

“Wholesale Giving”

Litany of the Kingdom

Leader: On this day, we have stepped boldly, humbly into the presence of our God, praying with our suffering Savior the prayer he taught us to pray:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: With voices around the world we call out: Your kingdom come!

People: Grant us hope that will strengthen our resolve to work for this world, despite so many conflicts, threats, and shortcomings.

Leader: We acknowledge that much is broken, and yet we believe in working for renewal, for justice and peace.

People: May the earth shine in its beauty, and in its ability to heal. May we see great possibilities before us.

Leader: Grant us vision that we may boldly add our voices to a story unfolding through history: the coming of God’s kingdom.

People: Grant us courage to do your will—at all times, in all places, for all people.

Unison: Your kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn #723

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.
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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!