

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 24, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"I Surrender, Lord"

Lord, in the quiet of this place, I am surrounded by Your grace. I come with heavy heart and soul. I long for You to take control. And I surrender Lord. Yes, I surrender Lord! As I come before Your presence, I surrender Lord! I come to offer all my life. I trade my darkness for Your light. I give to you my every care. My every sorrow you will bear. And I surrender Lord. Yes, I surrender Lord! As I come before Your presence, I surrender Lord! All to Jesus I surrender. All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him; in his presence daily live. I surrender all. I surrender all. All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all. And I surrender Lord.

I surrender Lord! As I come before Your presence, I surrender Lord!

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Welcome

Greetings! In James' typical to-the-point style he says in verses 8 & 9: "You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!" Remember how in chapter 4 he said only God can sit in judgment? And I think as a preventative measure he says that if we are patient and stand firm, we won't grumble against one another. James highlights the farmer and the prophets as examples of patience and perseverance. The farmer I understand (I grew up in the country). But I must admit thinking it's a stretch to hear James speak of the prophets as models of patience and perseverance. But then he cites the classic example of patient endurance: "You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." The patience and perseverance James urges on us is for a day when weeping will turn to laughter, when greed will give way to generosity, and when there will be good reason for the whole creation to laugh for joy. God bless you! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #442

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

1

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

2

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,

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*Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

3

*Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life, and rest, and joy, and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

4

*I'm so glad I learned to trust you, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend,
And I know that you are with me, will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him, how I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!*

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could be. We often treat it as a ritual. We simply go through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us on a very deep level. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia! Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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

**Lead us Lord, lead us in your righteousness; Make your way plain for us to see.
Lead us Lord, lead us in your righteousness; Make your way plain for us to see.**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

James 5:1-11

1 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. 2 Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. 4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. 5 You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you. 7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! 10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. (NIV)

Sermon

"Job's Perseverance"

Statement of Faith—from Hebrews 11 and 12

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see...

**God had planned something better for us so that only together with us
would they be made perfect...**

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off
everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.**

**And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith...**

**For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the
right hand of the throne of God. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #409

"God of Our Life"

*1 God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you;
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your hand we view.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*2 God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land; be now our guide.
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,*

and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

*3 God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown we follow you;
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our faith renew.*

*Be now for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!

