

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 8, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome to Worship!

In keeping with Pastor Karl's series of sermons focusing on the Prophets Elijah and Elisha our Scripture Lesson for this Sunday is the story of a man named Naaman, the commander of the army of Aram, an enemy of the people of Israel. Naaman contracted an incurable skin disease, but was told he could be healed by the Prophet Elisha. As the story unfolds we see how Naaman's need leads him on a journey to faith in the God of Israel. And many points along the way of his journey reflect the way the Holy Spirit works to bring us all to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. So join Naaman on his journey and may you find your own faith strengthened and renewed.

Pastor Bob

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #356

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

1 I will sing of my Redeemer, And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered, From the curse to set me free.

(Chorus)

Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

2 I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy, He the ransom freely gave.

(Chorus)

3 I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth over sin, and death, and hell.

(Chorus)

4 I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with him to be

(Chorus)

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Prayer of Confession—based on Psalm 51:10-12

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. Cleanse us with the blood of Christ and we will be clean; wash us and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Our sacrifice is a broken spirit, for a broken and contrite heart You will not despise. Accept us, O Lord, for we come in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #356

**Sing, Oh, sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
on the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.**

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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

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love,

send us power,

send us grace.

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

2 Kings 5: 1-19a

¹Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. ²Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵"By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹²Are not Abana and Parpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant." ¹⁶The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

¹⁷"If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this."

¹⁹"Go in peace," Elisha said.

Affirmation of Faith (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

True faith is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the Gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ’s saving work. Amen

Hymn #256

“There is a Fountain Filled With Blood”

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away: wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed ones of God
Be saved, to sin no more: be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed ones of God, be saved to sin no more.

E’er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I’ll sing Thy power to save: I’ll sing Thy power to save,
I’ll sing Thy power to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing Thy power to save.

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GO IN GOD’S NAME

Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!