

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 1, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NKJV)

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes

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Welcome

It's wonderful to see you today and to welcome all of you to the Lord's Table as we are drawn into the presence of Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit. As a rule, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Churches in other traditions make the sacrament a part of their services every week. Still others make Communion a less frequent part of worship. We also recognize that Jesus' institution of the supper before his death does not mean it is a right bestowed on the worthy, but a privilege given to those who come in true faith, repentance and love. Again, I welcome you to Ken Mawr Church! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #60

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness, your faithfulness;

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever for the things he has done.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever, all the hosts

of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

From Psalm 89:1,5,8 | CCLI #800917, #20719925

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us your mercy and grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #374

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver,
Purify my heart let me be as gold, pure gold.
Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master, ready to do Your will.**

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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

2 Kings 4:8-37

8 One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. 9 She said to her husband, "I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. 10 Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us." 11 One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. 12 He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. 13 Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?' "
She replied, "I have a home among my own people." 14 "What can be done for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old." 15 Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. 16 "About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." "No, my lord!" she objected. "Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!" 17 But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her. 18 The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who

was with the reapers. 19 He said to his father, "My head! My head!" His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." 20 After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. 21 She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. 22 She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return." 23 "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "That's all right," she said. 24 She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." 25 So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! 26 Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?' " "Everything is all right," she said. 27 When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." 28 "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes'?" 29 Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face." 30 But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. 31 Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened." 32 When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. 33 He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. 34 Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. 35 Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. 36 Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." 37 She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out. (NIV)

Sermon

"God's Mercy and Care"

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. And you sent your Holy Spirit to empower us as we strive to live for Christ. Send us out as your witnesses, filled with the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the gospel to all nations, carrying out the great commission in obedience to the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #444

"Rain Down"

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

Faithful and true is the word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

God's mercy falls on the just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.

God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE ON YOUR PEOPLE,

RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

God of creation, we long for your truth; you are the water of life for our thirst,

Grant that your love and your peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN, RAIN DOWN YOUR LOVE, GOD OF LIFE.

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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!

