

# Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 15, 2021

## The Service of Worship

### **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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Preparation for Worship #441

*"Trust in the Lord"*

*Trust in the Lord (Trust in the Lord) with all your heart (with all your heart)  
and lean not to your own understanding (and lean not to your own understanding).  
In all your ways acknowledge him (In all your ways acknowledge him)  
and he shall direct your paths (and he shall direct your paths).*

*Trust in the Lord, (Trust in the Lord). Trust in the Lord!*

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Welcome

Thanks for joining us today in-person or online! What if we lived every moment as though God was all around us? What if we lived as though nothing could happen to us that God could not take care of? What if the very sight of a sunrise inspired us to worship and we lived our lives in deepest gratitude and thanksgiving? How different would our lives be? A new awareness and attitude could literally change our life. The Greek word for faith in the NT is usually translated "believe," but a more accurate translation is the word "trust." Each one of us belongs to God and today I want to consider how to live our lives "Trusting in God." All God's blessings! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

### **GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD**

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Hymn of Praise #30

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

*The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell*

*How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.*  
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#### Prayer of Confession

**Grant us, O Lord, the humility to admit the countless ways in which we have fallen short of your glory. Forgive our blatant sinfulness and give us your grace always to do that which accords with your purpose. Enable us, who cannot exist without you, to live by faith, according to your will. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

#### Congregational Response #68

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

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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 #490

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord;  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.**

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#### Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

### **GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

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#### Scripture

2 Kings 6:1-23

*1 The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. 2 Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet." And he said, "Go." 3 Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?" "I will," Elisha replied. 4 And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. 5 As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axhead fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" 6 The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. 7 "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.*

8 Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." 9 The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there." 10 So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. 11 This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" 12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom." 13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city. 15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. 16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike this army with blindness." So he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked. 19 Elisha told them, "This is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will lead you to the man you are looking for." And he led them to Samaria. 20 After they entered the city, Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men so they can see." Then the LORD opened their eyes and they looked, and there they were, inside Samaria. 21 When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Shall I kill them, my father? Shall I kill them?" 22 "Do not kill them," he answered. "Would you kill those you have captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and then go back to their master." 23 So he prepared a great feast for them, and after they had finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they returned to their master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory. (NIV)

Sermon

"Trusting in God"

God Is at Work in the Details—from Matthew 6:28-34

**And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?**

**So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.**

**But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

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Hymn #349

"Seek Ye First"

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
 And its righteousness,  
 And all these things shall be added unto you.  
 Allelu, Allelujah!

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2

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Allelujah!*

3

*Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Allelujah!*

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Benediction

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

