

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

“Doxology”

*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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Welcome

Good morning dear friends and welcome to this Lord's Day service. We have been studying the lives of the two prophets of Israel, Elijah and Elisha, since the beginning of June. One of the reasons that I am so fascinated by their stories is that they point to the faithful, obedient, life of Jesus, who came to set us free from the oppression of sin and to give us life that is eternal. From these stories and from their prophecy we can continue to find inspiration to trust in God and to live faithfully every day. Blessing, honor, and glory and power be to our God, both now and forever!

-Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #31

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

*1 I sing the almighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.
2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!
3 There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.*

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 #658

**Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love—our God is an awesome God!
Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love—our God is an awesome God!**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

2 Kings 6:24-25, 7:1-20

24 Some time later, Ben-Hadad king of Aram mobilized his entire army and marched up and laid siege to Samaria. 25 There was a great famine in the city; the siege lasted so long that a donkey's head sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a quarter of a cab of seed pods for five shekels... 1 Elisha replied, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria." 2 The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!" 3 Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die? 4 If we say, 'We'll go into the city'—the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare

us, we live; if they kill us, then we die.” 5 At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, no one was there, 6 for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!” 7 So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives. 8 The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp, entered one of the tents and ate and drank. Then they took silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also. 9 Then they said to each other, “What we’re doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let’s go at once and report this to the royal palace.” 10 So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, “We went into the Aramean camp and no one was there—not a sound of anyone—only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were.” 11 The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace. 12 The king got up in the night and said to his officers, “I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, ‘They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.’ ” 13 One of his officers answered, “Have some men take five of the horses that are left in the city. Their plight will be like that of all the Israelites left here—yes, they will only be like all these Israelites who are doomed. So let us send them to find out what happened.” 14 So they selected two chariots with their horses, and the king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, “Go and find out what has happened.” 15 They followed them as far as the Jordan, and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king. 16 Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a seah of the finest flour sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, as the LORD had said. 17 Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house. 18 It happened as the man of God had said to the king: “About this time tomorrow, a seah of the finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria.” 19 The officer had said to the man of God, “Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?” The man of God had replied, “You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it!” 20 And that is exactly what happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died. (NIV)

Sermon

“Prophecy and Power”

An Affirmation of Faith

(From Psalm 136 in *The Message Bible*)

Thank God! He deserves our thanks.

His love never quits.

Thank the God of all gods,

His love never quits.

Thank the Lord of all lords.

His love never quits.

Thank the miracle-working God,

His love never quits.

The God whose skill formed the cosmos,

His love never quits.

The God who laid out earth on ocean foundations,

His love never quits.

The God who filled the skies with light,

His love never quits.

And rescued Israel from Egypt's oppression,

His love never quits.

Took Israel in hand with his powerful hand,

His love never quits.

God remembered us when we were down,

His love never quits.

Rescued us from the trampling boot,

His love never quits.

Takes care of everyone in time of need.

His love never quits.

Thank God, who did it all! His love never quits!

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #80

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

1 He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the tiny little baby in his hands. He's got the tiny little baby in his hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.

He's got all of us together in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!

