

# Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 29, 2021

## The Service of Worship

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

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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

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! Two very unusual stories we might be tempted to ignore are found in 2 Kings 13. If we were to ignore them, important messages would be missed. Jehoash, a young, idolatrous king of Israel, went to visit the dying prophet, Elisha. This might suggest he had some redeemable qualities—perhaps there was hope for Israel. The other brief story in chapter 13 is of Elisha's death. He dies of an illness and is buried. An accidental encounter of a dead man with Elisha's bones causes the man to come to life! Once again God conquers death—through a spontaneous resurrection! Both stories provide reasons for hope.

-Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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Hymn of Praise

"Days of Elijah"

*These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord:  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses; Righteousness being restored.  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord.'  
Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee. And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

*These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.  
And these are the days of Your servant David, rebuilding a temple of praise.  
And these are the days of the harvest; the fields are as white in the world.  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.  
Behold He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call.*

*So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee. And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.  
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Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our obvious sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins we know not; forgive them all, O Lord. Forgive them because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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)

Anthem

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**

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Scripture

2 Kings 13:10-21

*10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash son of Jehoahaz became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned sixteen years. 11 He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit; he continued in them. 12 As for the other events of the reign of Jehoash, all he did and*

his achievements, including his war against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel? 13 Jehoash rested with his ancestors, and Jeroboam succeeded him on the throne. Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. 14 Now Elisha had been suffering from the illness from which he died. Jehoash king of Israel went down to see him and wept over him. "My father! My father!" he cried. "The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" 15 Elisha said, "Get a bow and some arrows," and he did so. 16 "Take the bow in your hands," he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. 17 "Open the east window," he said, and he opened it. "Shoot!" Elisha said, and he shot. "The LORD's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!" Elisha declared. "You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek." 18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and the king took them. Elisha told him, "Strike the ground." He struck it three times and stopped. 19 The man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. But now you will defeat it only three times." 20 Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring. 21 Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet. (NIV)

Sermon

"Life-Giving Power"

Affirmation of Faith – from Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for  
good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of  
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

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Hymn #451

"Be Still My Soul"

*1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side! Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide—in every change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul! your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*2 Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past.  
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake—all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*3 Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.*

*Be still my soul! when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

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Benediction

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

