

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 14, 2021

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

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Welcome

In the secular world today we celebrate Valentine's Day, and in the liturgical world today is the day we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday. I'm not sure there is any way to bring those two celebrations together. And since the Lord's transfiguration on a mountain in Galilee is often ignored, and quite often misunderstood, my focus this morning in going to be on this very special event in our Savior's life as He moves toward the city of Jerusalem and His betrayal and death on the cross. My prayer is that we will see ourselves as privileged followers of the Son of God whom He has called to share in this unique moment in His earthly life. -Pastor Bob

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #48

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we
praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.*

*To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth
Thee.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see: 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we enter Your presence humbly, aware that we approach You from a world that chooses to walk in darkness apart from You. We confess that we have ignored and even denied the transforming power of Your love for us in Christ Jesus. As we seek Your forgiveness we ask You to penetrate the dark places in our lives with the light of Your Word, that we may be transformed by that glory which is the inheritance of the saints in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

***Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high.***

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The Sacrament of Baptism—For Luke B. Larkin, born February 10, 2020

- The words of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The Meaning of Baptism
- Questions to the Parents
- Questions to the Congregation:
- Do you, the members of this congregation, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with these parents the Christian nurture of this child so that in due time he may confess faith in Jesus Christ. (*We do.*)
- Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen his family ties with the household of God? (*We will.*)

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.
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Mark 9: 2-9

2 After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. 3 His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. 4 And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 5 Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) 7 Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 8 Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NIV)

Sermon

"3, 2, 1"

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #319

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness search me, try me, consume all my darkness
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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!