

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"God of Grace"

Welcome

Welcome to this online worship service at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church! With Mark's account of Jesus' baptism as our foundation, I am urging everyone to understand who we are in Christ. We must begin to get our approval and our acceptance from him. We must reverse the habit of letting the Deceiver tell us we are nothing because of the failures of our past or the weaknesses of our present. We must begin to see ourselves the way God sees us. When we begin to understand God's love and grace, we begin to understand our identity. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #244

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

*1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy:
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

2 For us baptized and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore.

For us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

*3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.*

*4 For us to evil power betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death, for us gave up his dying breath.*

5 For us he rose from death again; for us went on high to reign;

For us he sent his Spirit here, to guide, to comfort, and to cheer.

*6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad—
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, inviting us into the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.**

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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.
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Mark 1:4-15

4 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. 6 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, 13 and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (NIV)

Sermon

"You Are My Son"

A Prayer for Renewal

**O Lord, uphold us by your Holy Spirit.
Daily increase in each of us your gifts of grace:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
that we may be stewards of your mysteries,
both now and forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

"Spirit of Heaven"

Spirit of heaven, flood over me, forming Christ in all that I do;
Turn every sinful desire in me into holy passion for You.
O Spirit of God, come down; let mercy and grace abound.
My passionate prayer shall be: Christ in me.
Spirit of beauty and holiness, come refine with fire from above,
Till I am cast in Your righteousness, and I love the things that You love.
O Spirit of God, come down; let mercy and grace abound.
My passionate prayer shall be: Christ in me.
Breathe Your forgiveness when darkness falls and my heart is heavy with sin;
Fill me with faith for the higher cause of the ceaseless praise of the King.
O Spirit of God, come down; let mercy and grace abound.
My passionate prayer shall be: Christ in me.
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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!



*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be
called children of God; and so we are."*

1 John 3:1 (RSV)