

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 24, 2021

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

“Follow Me”

“Follow me, I will remake you. Follow me, let your heart be still

Follow me, I will reform you. Follow me, up the steepest hill.

Fishers of men, Sons of the light, salt of the earth, the bride of Christ...

We bow down to you, Rabbi and friend, the Spirit and the bride say Come.”

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Welcome

We warmly welcome you to KMUPC's online worship service. Dallas Willard once wrote that when he was a boy, rural electrification, and the power lines to transmit it, was coming throughout the countryside. But suppose even after the lines were up and running you ran across a house where the weary family used only candles and kerosene lanterns for light. A better way of life was waiting for them right outside their door if only they would hook into the power lines. You could shout to the rooftops, “My friends, electricity has arrived!” But suppose they just didn't trust it. Maybe the kingdom of God is like that. This kingdom is real and it is available to all. *-Pastor Karl*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #504

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

*Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, our lives and all our ways are like an open book before you. There is nothing we can hide from you and with humility we recall those things in which we have come short of the standard set for us by Christ our Lord. The spirit of true charity motivates us only fitfully; concern for ourselves crowds out the compassion we should feel for others. Have mercy on us, forgive all our sins, strengthen us in goodness, and bring us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.
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 1:14-20

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!"

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV)

Sermon

"The Kingdom"

Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ came to us as one of us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He proclaimed God's love, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. He continues to reveal God's gracious love, he is among us now to make us whole, and he is still the friend of sinners.

Jesus Christ was and is one with us in life; Jesus Christ was and is one with us in suffering and death. The Lord and Savior is Christ crucified, in whom God's weakness is stronger than human strength and God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.

For the sake of the world, the Word became flesh. For the sake of the world Jesus Christ lived among us, was crucified and raised from the dead. For the sake of the world Christ ascended to heaven and for the sake of the world Christ will come again. Amen.

(A 2002 Presbyterian Church USA statement reaffirming the faith imparted to us by the great cloud of witnesses).

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #344

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world
behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You.

Though none go with me, still I will follow; though none go with me, still I will follow; though none
go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back, no turning back.

*I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You. I will
follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You, Jesus, I will follow You.*

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!

