

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Ordination & Installation Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 121 (KJV)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

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Welcome

We warmly welcome you to this worship service at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church. At one of the churches I served as a seminary student I was having some trouble with one of the boys in the fifth grade Sunday School class that I was teaching. So I looked him in the eye and asked a question that I felt sure would bring him in line: "William, who is in charge here?" He wasn't going to let me get off easy, so he said, "Jesus is." If ever a man spoke with true authority it was Jesus. Why, even an evil spirit recognized Jesus as "The Holy One of God!" -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
4. For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
5. For thyself, best Gift divine, to our race so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven, *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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Prayer of Confession

O Lord, sometimes our memories get the best of us. We hold tightly to words and actions that have hurt and offended instead of recalling the blessings and joys of life. It is difficult to let go and allow you to heal us in the deepest parts of our soul. Forgive us, Lord, for not completely trusting that you take pleasure in us and your desire is our wholeness.

We need your strength to loosen our grip on hurtful memories, asking that you take our hurts and inner torments and replace them with your healing presence. Hear our prayer in the name of 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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Ordination & Installation of Officers (Elders @ 8:30 | Deacons @ 11:00)

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Moderator, speaking for the people of this church, I bring the following person to be ordained and installed as elders/deacons...(names).

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS (Book of Order, W-4.0404)

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

(I DO)

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you? **(I DO)**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **(I DO and I WILL)**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **(I WILL)**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **(I WILL)**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **(I WILL)**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **(I DO)**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **(I WILL)**

(For Elders): Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **(I WILL)**

(For Deacons): Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **(I WILL)**

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of this church, accept these persons as Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **(WE DO)**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the church? **(WE DO)**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Those being ordained **kneel**. Those previously ordained **remain standing**. All ordained officers come forward for laying on of hands. **Congregation stands.**

Moderator prays:

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for all men and women whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their work and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. Amen.

The congregation prays:

God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moderator:

Sister(s) and Brother(s), you are now Elder(s) or Deacon(s) in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" 25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. (NIV)

Sermon

"The Holy One of God"

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #72

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

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Benediction

