

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 13, 2021
The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"Help in Our Time of Need"

Let us hold fast our profession of faith. Let us approach the throne of grace.

That we may receive His mercy and grace to help in our time of need.

All things are laid before His eyes. Jesus understands.

He suffered with us in all of our weakness. Jesus understands.

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Welcome

Have you ever noticed how some American "Christians" practice their faith the way hungry people graze at a buffet. A little bit of this. A smidgeon of that. A little bit of Christianity. A dollop of Buddhism. A sprinkling of Hinduism. Since God is the God of all truth, people can learn some things from a variety of religions and faiths, right? Technically true, but in the final analysis all people need to choose to whom and what we will give our hearts and lives. That is, in essence, Elijah's message for the Israelite community in 1 Kings 18 and the meaning of the drama that plays out on Mount Carmel for us. Welcome to Ken Mawr on this Lord's Day! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #341

"Jesus Shall Reign"

1

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

2

*To Him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

3

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.*

4

*Let all the people rise and bring their special honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

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Prayer of Confession

It is easy for us to fall into despair, God of grace. Problems in our world and in our personal lives seem insurmountable. We confess that instead of bringing our problems to you, we tinker with them ourselves. We put our faith in ourselves to solve all our problems and the problems of the world. Forgive us this folly and remind us that it is you who gives grace and faith. Turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh that seek you in both good times and bad. Let us always be open to receive your merciful forgiveness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #373

***Change my heart, O God, make It ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay; mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make It ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.***

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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

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

1 Kings 18:20-24, 30-39

20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. 22 Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, one for

each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." 32 With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." 34 "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. 35 The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. 36 At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. 37 Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. 39 When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!" (NIV)

Sermon

"The One True God"

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God; we trust in Jesus; we trust in the Holy Spirit.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

"Light the Fire"

I stand to praise you, but I fall to my knees.

My spirit is hungry, but my flesh is so weak.

Light the fire, (echo) in my soul, (in my weary soul)

Fan the flame, (echo) make me whole, (make my spirit whole)

Lord, you know (echo) where I've been, (where I've been)

So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel your arms around me, as the power of your healing begins.

You breathe new life right through me, like a mighty rushing wind.

Light the fire, (echo) in my soul, (in my weary soul)

Fan the flame, (echo) make me whole, (make my spirit whole)

Lord, you know (echo) where I've been, (where I've been)

*So light the fire in my heart again.
So light the fire in my heart again, so light the fire in my heart again.*
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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!

