

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Father's Day

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"Merciful God—A Prayer"

*Merciful God, oh abounding in love, faithful to all who draw near You;
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart; showing the cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come; broken in sin, found at the feet of your mercy.*

Father, forgive. May my sin be remembered no more.

*Merciful God, oh abounding in love, faithful through times we have failed you;
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed; foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts; with love that flows from forgiveness.*

Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

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Welcome

Welcome to Ken Mawr on Father's Day! The prophets of Baal had been exterminated, the rains have begun again, and except for the very real threats from Queen Jezebel, Elijah should have been feeling on top of the world. But no. Verse 3 says, "*Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.*" He was in a funk. *Psychology Today* pointed out many years ago that the average American is ten times more likely to be depressed than their father or mother was. "Is anybody there? Does anybody care?" We know from Elijah's story that WE ARE NEVER ALONE. -Pastor Karl

2021 Workcamp Commissioning (11:00)

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

1. *Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.*

Reclothe us in our rightful mind in purer lives thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise. In deeper reverence praise.

2. *In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord let us, like them, without a word:*

Rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

3. *O sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!*

4. *Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.*

5. *Breathe through the heats of our desire, thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,*

O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have looked for you in only miraculous and powerful things. We have looked past you with hearts that are closed to your Spirit. We have entered your sanctuary to praise you, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have memorized your commandments but have refused to hear your gentle whisper in our most difficult times. O Lord, we ask that you pardon our sinfulness. Forgive our inattentiveness and allow us to heed your voice always, for the sake of Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #145

Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without an ending, glory through eternity.

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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.
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

1 Kings 19:1-18

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." 3 Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, 4 while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." 5 Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." 6 He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

7 The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." 8 So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. 9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 11 The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." 15 The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him." (NIV)

Sermon

"Never Alone"

A Historic Statement of Faith—from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

"Your Labor is Not in Vain"

*Your labor is not in vain.
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained,
Your planting and reaping are never the same,
Your labor is not in vain.
Your labor is not unknown.
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But Your labor is not unknown.*

CHORUS

I am with you, I am with you; I am with you, I am with you.

*For I have called you, called you by name.
Your labor is not in vain.*

*The vineyards you plant will bear fruit,
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth,
For all that is old will at last be made new,
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit.*

CHORUS

*I am with you, I am with you; I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you by name,
Your labor is not in vain.*

*The houses you labor to build will finally with laughter enjoy being filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed,
And all that is broken be healed.*

CHORUS

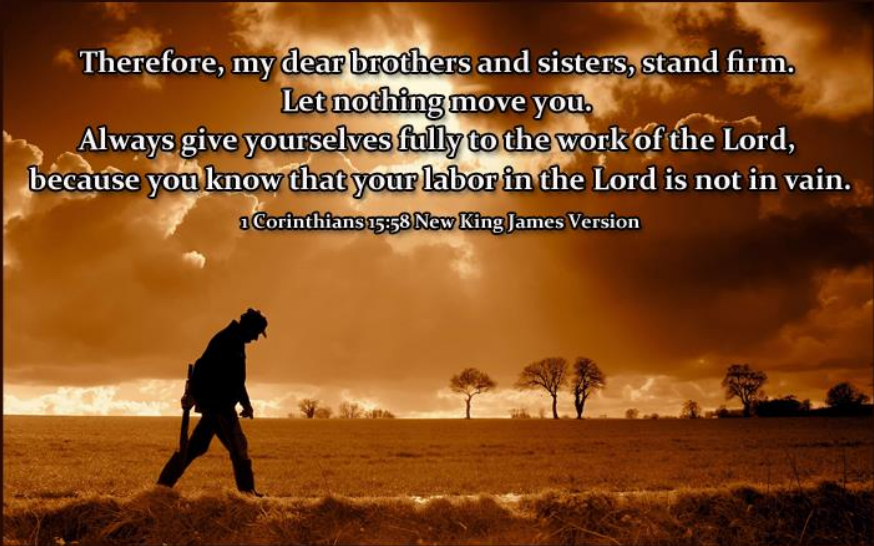
*I am with you, I am with you; I am with you, I am with you.
For I have called you, called you by name,
Your labor is not in vain.*

(Repeat)

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!



**Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

1 Corinthians 15:58 New King James Version