

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 6, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"Trinity Song"

Holy Father, Son and Spirit, Holy Communion, Three-in-one.

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Come with your peace, With your invitation,

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Welcome

Today we turn to 1st Kings where we have a story about Elijah, who puts his trust in the Lord, who wields power over life and death. God calls him to go to Zeraphath which is a pagan city that worshiped Baal. The region was having a deep drought and there was little food for the people. God told him a widow would supply him with food. Widows in that society were totally destitute. They had few if any resources. In other words, Elijah had to cross lines of religion, of nationality and of economic class. But in the end, Elijah and the woman trusted in the God of Israel. Separated by nearly three millennia and by huge cultural differences, there is still much that we can learn from the life and witness of Elijah, the man of God. Welcome! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #2

"O Worship the King"

*O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of His might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, his
chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail; in thee do we trust, nor fine thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.*

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Prayer of Confession

O God, you call us. You call our names. There are times that we, like Moses, make excuses and ask not to serve you. There are times that we, like Jonah, say we will serve but then turn and go the other way. There are times that we, like Samuel, hear your voice but lack the knowledge to follow your call. Help us to recognize your voice in our lives. Give us the eagerness of Elijah to go where you tell us to go. Forgive us when we ignore you or make excuses. Grant to us a willing spirit. We pray in the name of the One who calls us, Jesus Christ our living Lord. 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.
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

1 Kings 17:7-24

7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." 10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." 12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." 13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'" 15 She

went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. 17 Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" 19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" 21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" 22 The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth." (NIV)

Sermon

"Power over Life and Death"

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Heavenly Father, we give you everlasting thanks and praise that you have given us so great a gift in your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The Bread of Heaven is given to us as food and nourishment for eternal life. Allow us to never forget this, but rather, imprint it on our hearts, that we may continue in faith—a faith committed to doing the work of your kingdom in Jesus' name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still still waters, His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone. And I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

*He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil.
And my cup it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone. And I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

*And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone. And I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!

