

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"Come As You Are"

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken hearted; let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy; oh sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

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*So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken,
lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home; you're not too far.*

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table,
come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure. *Refrain.*

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Welcome

Good morning, dear friends. We're so happy that you could join us. Betrayal is such a hard thing to accept because, by its very nature, it can only come through a friend or a loved one. It's not a stranger who inflicts the hurt. It's not a random act. It doesn't happen by being a victim of circumstance. Betrayal is a weapon only found in the hands of the ones we love. Betrayal is an inside job. Thinking about ourselves, do we have times when our world turns against us? Have we had times when we have felt betrayed? Yet, turning the tables, couldn't Jesus say of us what he said of Judas? "*Here comes my betrayer*" (Mark 14:42). -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #257

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

- 1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*
- 2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down,
sinking down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*
- 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

4. *And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!*

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Prayer of Confession—Based on Psalm 103:12

O God, our sins are too close to us. Our pride blinds us to the wrongs we have done. Centered on ourselves, our world is too small. We run even from your grace, fearing you know us too well. We have strayed from the path you would have us follow, and we don't dare to ask for help. Hear our prayer, O God. Grant us the promise that you will indeed remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. You alone can free us from our idolatry and our sin. Grant us your mercy, we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #251

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;
I come to the cross where you died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.
Your arms are open, you call me by name, you welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame;
Jesus I come, Jesus I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.**

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The Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 AM)

Bennett Joseph Bishop, born April 22, 2020, will be presented for baptism by his parents, Kevin and Kami (Bauer) Bishop, 18 Sunset Drive, Coraopolis PA 15108. Congratulations and the Lord's blessing to this family!

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

**Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord, in your peace.
Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord, enfold me in your peace.**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Mark 14:1-11

1 Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. 2 “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.” 3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head. 4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? 5 It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. 6 “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. 8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” 10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. 11 They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over. (NIV)

Sermon

“Anointing and Betrayal”

A Prayer for the Road Ahead

Gracious God, as those who strive to follow Jesus in our living and to trust your power in our dying, we reflect upon his life that ended on a cross.

We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus’ disciples: although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

Gathering with these imperfect friends at their last meal Jesus washed their feet in service and extended the bread and cup to each.

Jesus called them to love one another and invited them to share in his very life and in his acceptance of the road ahead.

We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended to the world and we take seriously our calling to be the body of Christ in the world today.

Grant us the vision to see the world as you see it, with love and compassion for each creature and for all of your creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.*
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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!

