

# Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

## Confirmation/Pentecost Sunday

### **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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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

Welcome to church on this Day of Pentecost! Peter preached a sermon in Jerusalem on the very first Day of Pentecost by quoting the prophet Joel: *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams"* (Acts 2:17). Since I'm clearly part of that last group (old men), today I'm dreaming about the faith of the next generation. The faith that Jesus spoke of when he said, *"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father"* (John 14:12). May each one of us multiply the works of Jesus in the lives we live. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

### **GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD**

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Hymn of Praise #550

*"We Are the Church"*

*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.*

*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.*

*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

*Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.*

*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*

*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:  
*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*  
*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*  
At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.  
*Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!*  
*All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*  
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#### Prayer of Confession

**Our Lord and God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring. Forgive us, O Lord, and make us a new creation. 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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#### Confirmation of New Members (11:00 AM)

#### 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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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**

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Scripture

John 14:11-19

*11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

*15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Beyond the Creed"

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**

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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

**Lord, you have given yourself to us. Now we give ourselves for others. You have sent your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people. As people of Pentecost, we will serve you and proclaim your good news with joy. Your glory has filled our hearts. Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

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Hymn #132

"Spirit of God Descend upon My Heart"

*1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, free it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.*

*2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.*

*3 Did you not bid us love you, God and King, love you with all our heart and strength and mind?  
I see your cross there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek you and O let me find!*

*4 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*5 Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

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Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

**John 14:12**

