

# Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 17, 2021

## The Service of Worship

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

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Preparation for Worship

Psalm 139:23-24 (New King James)

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me, and know my anxieties;  
And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.*

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Welcome

Warmest greetings to one and all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we said a couple weeks ago James easily moves from preaching to meddling in this epistle. He does so today as we consider sitting in judgment of others against the backdrop of the sovereignty of God. Can we not see why judging others is sin? When we judge others, we are taking upon ourselves a role that belongs strictly to God. He alone is qualified to sit in judgment on others. And it is by his mercy that we are not judged (2:13). As Christians, we are called by God to show mercy in the way God has shown us mercy. This is the good news of the Gospel. If Christ has shown mercy to us, surely, we should show mercy to others. Blessings to you and yours! -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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Hymn of Praise #40

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

- 1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 4. For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*
- 5. For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given;  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.  
Sing his praises, Alleluia! Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!  
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One,  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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

**Lead us Lord, lead us in your righteousness; Make your way plain for us to see.  
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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

James 4:11-17

*11 Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. 12 There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? 13 Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. 17 If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. (NIV)*

Living as Forgiven People (Colossians 3:12-17, NRSV)

**As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.**

**Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**

**Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**

**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.**

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.**

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

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Hymn #559

“Here I Am, Lord”

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

