

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Matthew 11:28-30 (KJV)

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

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Welcome

It is a joy and a privilege to welcome you to worship on this Labor Day weekend. Many Christian people have stories of faith that fall into the “what-doesn’t-kill-you-makes-you-stronger” category. But for those of us who are facing trials, our trials have the potential to serve both as a tremendous encouragement and a wonderful challenge. A survey of Scripture as a whole makes clear that the Spirit of God can—and does—use most anything to shape and fashion us into the likeness of Jesus. Perhaps the greater question, then, is not IF the Spirit will use our “trials of many kinds” to make us “mature and complete, not lacking anything” but HOW. Welcome to Ken Mawr!

-Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #706

“I Come with Joy”

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new
community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us,
makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in
such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.*

*Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy,
to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.*

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Prayer of Confession

Father of the heavenly lights, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Holy Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may be a kind of first fruits of all you have created and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. 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.
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 1:1-18

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. 9 Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. 10 But the rich should take pride in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower. 11 For the sun rises with

scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. 12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. 13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (NIV)

Sermon

"Don't Be Deceived"

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

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this hour of worship, this sacramental meal and these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we

have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us and encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

“May the Peace”

*May the peace of God, our heavenly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

*May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion, Make us one in spirit and in heart.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign; from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!

