

**For his anger lasts only a moment,
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night,
but
rejoicing comes in the morning.**

Psalm 30:5 NIV

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*Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love,
as Directed by God's Word*

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**Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church
Welcome to Worship!**

I am so glad to welcome each one of you to "Back to Church Sunday." A minister and a priest from neighboring churches are standing on the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground that reads: "*The End is Near—Turn Around Now—Before It's Too Late!*" As a car speeds past them, the driver yells out the window, "Leave us alone you religious nuts!" From the curve in the road ahead they hear screeching tires, gravel flying, and then a huge splash. The priest turns to the minister and asks, "Do you think we should have just made a sign that says, "*Bridge Out?*" What kind of road are we heading down today? As Jeremiah describes being heartsick and grief stricken over his people, is it any wonder that Jeremiah was brought to tears? And doesn't the stress and strain of living, at times, make us simply want to cry? Yet God will not leave us in our tears. A hopeful reminder is found in Psalm 30:5 which says, "*Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*"

-Pastor Kai

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Today: Emerging Mission Needs

Next Sunday: The Gideons International

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"My Hiding Place"

Oh Lord, you are my hiding place from every storm of life, and you surround me with songs that set me free. You are my Refuge, I will trust in You.

Oh Lord, you are my hiding place from every storm of life, and you surround me with songs that set me free.

You are my Refuge, I will trust in You.

And I will dwell in the shelter of the Most High, my Redeemer.

I will rest in the shadow of the wings of the Almighty.

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I will rest in the shadow of the wings of the Almighty.

Oh Lord, you are my hiding place from every storm of life, and you surround me with songs that set me free. You are my Refuge, I will trust in You.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise

"Only a Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven.

Who else could make every king bow down.

Who else can whisper and darkness trembles. Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises. What other splendor outshines the sun.

What other majesty rules with justice. Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire. What other power can raise the dead.

What other name remains undefeated. Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God.

Come and behold Him the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.

Come and worship the Holy God.

*Who else could rescue me from my failing. Who else would offer His only Son.
Who else invites me to call Him Father. Only a Holy God. Only a holy God.
Come and behold Him the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.*
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*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey. Forgive our pride. Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors. Forgive our prideful ways. Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own way; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we go on living our comfortable lives. Forgive our pride and show us your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response #370

**Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other,
hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts,
as we come to you; we acknowledge our transgressions,
we confess to you our sins, show us mercy and compassion,
touch our lives with your healing grace again.
Release us from the past as we seek your face: wash us free at last,
we receive your love, we receive your healing grace.
We receive your love, we receive your healing grace.**
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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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Offering Our Gifts to God & Prayer of Dedication

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Psalms 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1 O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble. 2 They have left the dead bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the sky, the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild. 3 They have poured out blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there is no one to bury the dead. 4 We are objects of contempt to our neighbors, of scorn and derision to those around us. 5 How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever? How long will your jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not acknowledge you, on the kingdoms that do not call on your name; 7 for they have devoured Jacob and devastated his homeland. 8 Do not hold against us the sins of past generations; may your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. 9 Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

18 You who are my Comforter in sorrow, my heart is faint within me. 19 Listen to the cry of my people from a land far away: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King no longer there?" "Why have they aroused my anger with their images, with their worthless foreign idols?" 20 "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved." 21 Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people? 1 Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears! I would weep day and night for the slain of my people. (NIV)

Sermon

"A Wounded People—a Tearful Prophet"

*Profession of Faith—from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus,
for we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Praise #319

" Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.***

***Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness search me, try me,
consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.***

***As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me. Shine on me.***

***Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.***

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*Benediction

****Food Pantry****

*The KMUPC Food Pantry is always in
NEED!*

Please consider donating:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Soups, Instant Potatoes, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Macaroni and Cheese, Knorr Rice or Noodle Side Dishes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, cans of Tuna, Brownie or Muffin mix, Boxed Cereal, 4pk Toilet paper, Single rolls of paper towels.

If you are unable to shop for the food pantry, monetary donations designated for the Food Pantry are appreciated.

Join the KMUPC Prayer Chain!

Receive prayer requests during the week by sending an email to kenmawrsecretary.com

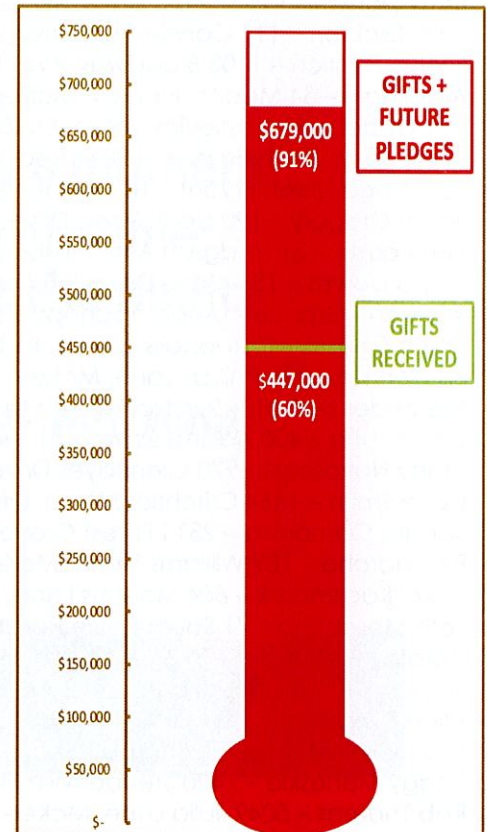
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*In loving memory of my sister,
Betty Schoppe,
from Helen Sharpe*

October Book Nook Sale

- . **Bibles and books 25% off**
- . **Cards and CD's \$1.00 off**
- . **Self serve... record your purchase and leave payment in the basket**
- . **Book Nook open whenever church is open**

KMUPC Capital Campaign Status Through July 2022



Lunch Bunch

Ken Mawr Lunch Bunch meets this Wednesday Sept 21 at Noon.

Join us for Bible Bingo!
We will also be making plans for our Christmas Lunch

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