

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 23, 2020

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Romans 12:1&2

Welcome

Thanks for joining us online! What if we lived every moment as though God was all around us? What if we lived as though nothing could happen to us that God could not take care of? What if the very sight of a tree or cloud inspired us to worship and we lived life in deep gratitude and thanksgiving? How different would our life be? A new awareness and attitude could literally change our life. Our Baptism can give us a new outlook. We belong to God. Therefore, Paul calls us to give our lives back to God *“as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.”* -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the lord;
Make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give now, they are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
In your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who in Christ's name believe;
Worship him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

Prayer of Confession

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, you bless us, but we do not thank you. Please forgive us and help us. God of our lives, we bring before you our fears, our doubts, our apathy, our sins, as well as the false idols in which we place our trust. Forgive us, challenge and encourage us, confront and ever love us, for we are yours. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The Sacrament of Baptism (In-person service at 11:00 AM)

Scarlett June Ramsey, born on August 2, 2019, will be presented for baptism by her parents, Robert and Amberly Ramsey, 104 West Prospect Ave. Pittsburgh PA 15205. 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

*Lead us Lord, lead us in your righteousness;
Make your way plain for us to see.
(Repeat)*

Dedication of Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (NIV)

Sermon

"Time and Talent Counts Too"

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

“Holy Spirit Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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Benediction

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