

# *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 8:00 AM

## *The Worship Service*

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

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

The Lord loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life! God's plan for us is that we will be the recipients of that divine life-transforming love which comes to us as we put our trust in Jesus. In Romans 8:26-39 the Holy Spirit describes that plan, tells us what God has done to make it possible for us to embrace that plan, and what life-transforming qualities begin to take place in our hearts once we do make God's plan our own. My sermon this morning is an 'unpacking' of those three truths. My prayer is that you will be blessed by it.

-Pastor Bob

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

Hymn of Praise

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, You have made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to live into Your plan for us, for we are slow to allow Your life-transforming love to conform us to the image of Your Son. In Your tender mercy, forgive us and renew our minds and hearts and wills as we put our trust in Him and His saving work for us. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**Glory be to God, Creator, glory be to God, the Son, glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be in a world without an ending, glory through eternity.**

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 (All)

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

Dedication of Offerings

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**GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

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Scripture

Romans 8:26-39

***26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.***

***28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.***

***31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:***

***"For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."***

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> 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. (NIV)

Sermon

"God's Plan for You and Me"

Response to God's Word

I affirm that my only comfort is that I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself, but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

My purpose in life is to glorify and enjoy God, now and forever. Amen.

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

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Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Chorus:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:**

**how great thou art, how great thou art!**

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When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

**Chorus**

And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

**Chorus**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

**Chorus**

Benediction

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28*