

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 11, 2020

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will."

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Welcome

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! Welcome to Ken Mawr's online service! For many reasons, Pharaoh was unwilling to release the Israelites so they could go and worship the Lord. This necessitated the demonstration of the mighty hand of God through the plagues, which would compel Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. The plagues are an unpleasant subject, but one that is still important for us. If for no other reason, the plagues are given a significant amount of space in the book of Exodus. Why is that? Well, if we accept God's "editorial policy" we should recognize that the judgment of God is important for us, as well as for the Egyptian Pharaoh. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"I Sing Praises"

*I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,
Praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.
I give glory to Your name, O Lord,
Glory to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.
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Glory to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

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Prayer of Confession

O God, your will is that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, understanding and charity, which contributes to our divisions. Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is an offense to your love and mercy and peace. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all who call upon you and all who confess faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

Jesus name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word. Jesus name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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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

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

(Repeat)

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Exodus 5:22-6:1, 7:14-24

22 Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? 23 Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all." 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. 16 Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. 17 This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. 18 The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.' " 19 The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs—and they will turn to blood.' Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in vessels of wood and stone." 20 Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. 21 The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt. 22 But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. 23 Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. 24 And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river. (NIV)

A Call to Service and Discipleship—from Ephesians 4:1-6, NRSV

**Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

*Christ the eternal Lord whose promise here we claim,
whose gifts of grace are freely poured on all who name your Name;
with thankfulness and praise we stand before your throne,
intent to serve you all our days and make your glory known.*

*Christ the unchanging Word to every passing age,
whose timeless teachings still are heard set forth on Scripture's page;
transform our thought and mind, enlighten all who read,
within your word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.*

*Christ the redeeming Son who shares our human birth,
and by his death salvation won for every child of earth;
inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love abroad,
that all may honor Christ today and follow him as Lord.*

*Christ the unfading light of everlasting day,
our morning star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
that light of truth you give to servants as to friends,
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief journey ends.*

*Christ the ascended King exalted high above,
whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love;
when mortal life is past your voice from heaven's throne
shall call your children home at last to know as we are known.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!