

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 119:33-40 (NKJV)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness...

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Welcome

Greetings to everyone in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! Here are the familiar lines of a beloved hymn: "America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy *liberty in law*." This hymn points us to an appropriate appreciation of the Law that Moses received on Mt. Sinai. And in the end, I believe that the Ten Commandments can uniquely point people to God's amazing love in Christ that sets us free to live as God always intended when he first gave this Law to Moses. In Jesus Christ and by his Spirit, we can be free indeed. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"Thy Word"

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still, you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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I will not forget your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side; and I will love you to the end.

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we realize that you know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before you now asking that you show us our sin, make us aware of our failings, and open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need your wisdom and guidance and law to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without your grace. Give us true repentance that only comes from you. Do your transforming work in us so that we can live as your redeemed people in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!**

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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 19:16-20, 20:1-3

16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. 19 As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. 20 The LORD descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up...

1 And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 You shall have no other gods before me..."

18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die." (NIV)

Sermon

"The Ten Commandments"

What I Believe—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 26

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,
Who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence,
Is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.
The Lord reigns!**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
And where he rules with kingly might, there all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

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Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory.
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!