

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu, alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!

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Welcome

As we share in the Lord's Supper on this World-wide Communion Sunday, I encourage you to spend a few moments before the service begins to focus your attention on the sacrifice our Savior has made for you and for all of us, that we might find pardon and new life as the children of God. The cross of Christ stands at the heart of our faith and has the power to change our hearts as we contemplate how great is God's love for us, and how worthy of that love we are. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is designed to keep our hearts soft and tender and ever open to God's will for us. And so my prayer for us is that our experience of the Lord's love may break through the hardness of our hearts and enable us offer them as sacrifices which are pleasing and acceptable to Him. -Pastor Bob

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"As We Gather at Your Table"

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love, according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

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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 (All)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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Dedication of Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Exodus 5:1-19

1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.' " *2 Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."* *3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."* *4 But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"* *5 Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."* *6 That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people:* *7 "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. 8 But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' "* *9 Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."* *10 Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. 11 Go and get your own straw wherever you*

can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’ ” 12 So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. 13 The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.” 14 And Pharaoh’s slave drivers beat the Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding, “Why haven’t you met your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?” 15 Then the Israelite overseers went and appealed to Pharaoh: “Why have you treated your servants this way? 16 Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.” 17 Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’ 18 Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.” 19 The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.” (NIV)

Sermon

“Pharaoh”

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

God’s Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!