

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2020

The Worship Service

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 91

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust... [The Lord says] I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

Welcome

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, and welcome to this online service! Adam Hamilton writes in his book about Moses, "At every age and stage in life, God has a mission, a calling for us to fulfill. Our task is to pay attention to the burning bush, the whisper of the Spirit, the nudging inside, instead of saying, *"Please send someone else."* -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish,
but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render, O help us to see: 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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Prayer of Confession

We bring to you, O Lord, the wasteland of our lives, when faith and hope are dust and ashes, when there is no evidence of the fruit of the Spirit, when love does not find expression in us. Help us to follow you into the wilderness to resist worshiping false gods, to refuse the temptations of self-indulgence, and to reject false values. Jesus, our Brother,

help us to follow you. Help us to return to you, to cast out self-destructive fears. Jesus, our Savior, help us to follow you. O Lord, forgive us for the sin that separates and hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response

**My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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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 Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Exodus 3:10-20, 4:10-13

10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' 'This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'" 16 "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. 17 And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.' 18 "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the

Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.’ 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

10 Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” 11 The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” 13 But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.” (NIV)

Sermon

“A Reluctant Prophet”

A Prayer for Faith and Courage

Eternal God, you speak to us in a gentle whisper and you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, and through perils unknown.

Give us attentive faith to listen carefully and then go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love is supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn

“May the Peace of God” (Benediction)

May the peace of God, our heavenly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love.

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
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Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us!