

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Ritter

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Earth Day Celebration

Monday, April 22

10:00 a.m. to noon Coffee with Pastor at The Bagel & I
5:45 p.m. STAR Homeschool Debate Club

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom
5:30 p.m. Endowment Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday, April 24

STAR Homeschool Group in building
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
5:30 p.m. "'The Last Sayings of Sarah Lynch Terrell' and Radical Abolitionism of the South River Quakers" Lecture
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Saturday, April 27

9:00 a.m. to noon End of Life Seminar
5:30 p.m. STAR Homeschool Art/History/Science Fair in Fellowship Hall

Lecture Presented This Week

The congregation is invited to a lecture in the Sanctuary on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. to be presented by Lynchburg Museum staff member Rebecca Picard titled "'The Last Sayings of Sarah Lynch Terrell' and Radical Abolitionism of the South River Quakers." Sarah Lynch Terrell, the sister of John Lynch, was a respected elder among the South River Quakers. When she passed away at the age of 35, her haunting final words ignited the abolitionist movement among Quakers throughout Virginia. The Meeting House will be open to visitors at 5 p.m. prior to the lecture as well as after it, and University of Lynchburg History students will be available to provide information and answer questions about South River Quakers and the Meeting House. The event is sponsored through a partnership with QMPC, the University of Lynchburg, and the Lynchburg Museum System.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Roberta McDermott Johnson by Julia & Steve Bryan.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL are Gracie and John Lanier & Maureen and Bob Lockridge.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Grace Jacob.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Earth Care Sunday
April 21, 2024

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Anghaarad Teague Dees
*We offer God's peace to one another in the ancient words of the church:
"The peace of Christ be with you." & response "And also with you."*

PRELUDE *To God Be the Glory* arr. Davis

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tami Jacob, Liturgist
L: God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.
P: **Come and give thanks!**
L: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.
P: **Come and give thanks!**
L: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.
P: **Come and give thanks!**
L: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.
P: **Come lift your voices in praise!**
L: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.
P: **Come lift your voices in praise!**
L: God touches our hearts through family and friends.
P: **Come lift your voices in praise!**
L: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.
P: **Come and worship!**
L: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.
P: **Come and worship!**
L: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!
P: **Come and worship!**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
Young and old and everyone in between - we envision a world where all live in harmony with each other and with God's wonderful creation. We look forward to a time when Christ's love permeates all that we say and do. We renew our commitment together, with God's grace, to respect the gifts that have been given to us and to use those gifts for the good of the poor and vulnerable of this earth. Amen.

*HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
If we are honest, we too often fail to live into God's call to us to be stewards of the earth. Aware of the ways in which we fall short, let us come and confess to the Creator who loves us beyond measure:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Tami Jacob, Liturgist
Compassionate God, we too often ignore the cries and suffering of your creation...the creatures, the waters, the land, the trees all cry out at our misuse and neglect. Our very lives are bound up in the ways in which we care for the earth and yet we fail to be the stewards you call us to be. Open our eyes to see the damage that has been done in the name of progress...inspire us to make changes in our daily living that promotes care of your good creation. Embolden us to speak words of justice for the environment. Remind us that we too are creatures, interdependent and vulnerable. Give us clean hearts and caring hands. We pray in the name of the Gentle Shepherd. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Tami Jacob, Liturgist
God declares all creation good. We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to till and keep the earth. With hope and inspiration to answer the call to stewardship, we place our trust in God to show us the way.
We are good in the eyes of our Creator and we are also forgiven, loved and free! Alleluia! Amen!

*CHORAL RESPONSE #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:11-18 Bible, page 126
Tami Jacob, Lector

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* arr. Hopson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23 Bible, page 617

SERMON What if Pastures Are No Longer Green?
Anghaarad Teague Dees

HYMN #250 *Hymn of Promise*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's 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 rose 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.

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd* arr. Ellson

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Lord Jesus, you blessed five loaves in the wilderness and from them fed over five thousand people. Bless now these gifts that we present before you. Multiply them in this church, in this city, in the homes of those who celebrate today that all that we have might be a blessing for the world. Amen.

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*