

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*Welcome to Worship at
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!*

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

Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives

The Service for the Lord's Day;
Second Sunday Easter; April 11, 2021
Our Vocalist is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Handel

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: We enter this place in confident expectation.

P: We come open to the one who greets us here.

L: This is a special place of meeting and inspiration.

P: Our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation

L: Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

P: Glory and honor to Christ who gives us a living hope and to the Spirit who empowers us for ministry.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 John 1:5-10

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

God of mercy, we come with humble hearts awed and thankful for Jesus' gift of new life over death and sin. Forgive us for failing to live as resurrection people, finding joy in each day. Forgive us for pursuing proofs as skeptics rather than trusting you at your word. Forgive us when we wash our hands of responsibility, cast our lot with the powerful oppressors, and seek to buy our forgiveness with silver. Forgive us when fear, complacency and selfishness keep us from witnessing of your grace. Lead us to fullness of life that you intend for all your children. In the name of Jesus, we pray, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: Death has been swallowed up in God's victory.

L: When we were dead through our sin, God made us alive with Christ when he forgave us our sin.

P: By grace we have been saved. Our faith and hope are set on God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #233 *The Day of Resurrection!*

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-4, 2:1-2

Skip Wodke, Lector

From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simply this: We want you to enjoy this, too. Your joy will double our joy!

2 ¹⁻² I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus. When he served as a sacrifice for our sins, he solved the sin problem for good—not only ours, but the whole world's.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Dawson

ANTHEM

Now the Green Blade Rises

HYMN#247

1 Now the green blade rises, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love by hatred slain,
Thinking that He would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19–31

Nancy Dawson

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
 With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 OF DEDICATION (unison)

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and—above all—the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
 Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of creation. Refrain.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
 Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ.
 Now we shall live forever. Refrain.

God has proclaimed the just reward:
 Life for all men, alleluia! Refrain.

Come, let us praise the living God,
 Joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Easter Joy

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