

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* 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)

God, thank you, thank you, thank you – for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your reign of righteousness here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

HYMN #687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *The Strife Is O'er* arr. Ellson

\*Please stand if able.

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### THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

#### Sunday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Session meeting

5:45 p.m. Youth Group

#### Tuesday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

#### Wednesday, April 19

STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch at Benjamin's in Forest

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

#### Thursday, April 20

12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study

6:00 p.m. After Hours at Neighbor's Place

#### Friday, April 21

5:00 p.m. STAR Homeschool Group in Fellowship Hall

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann Robertson Leslie by Sam Leslie.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL are Eric & Sharon Barringer and Maureen & Bob Lockridge.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Sarah Robert.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR APRIL are Sharon Barringer & Sam Miller.

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



*Welcoming All  
Serving Christ  
Transforming Lives*

*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.

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.



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The Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday of Easter  
April 16, 2023

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 *Easter Prelude* arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Laura Robert, Liturgist

L: Christ is risen!

P: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

P: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: The Lord is our strength and might; today, the Lord has become our salvation! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: **This is God's handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*OPENING PRAYER Laura Robert, Liturgist

God of Resurrection, help us to acknowledge the signs of new life all around us. Help us to find hope and joy and gratitude. These are signs that encourage us on the journey of faith. You are doing good things in our world and in our lives...open our hearts to deeper understanding of your grace and peace. We give thanks to you, Risen One, in all the signs of life. Amen.

\*HYMN #236 *The Strife Is O'er*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Robert, Liturgist  
Sisters and brothers in Christ, in order to speak the truth in love, we are called to speak the hard truth of our sins. Let us together bring our confession to the throne of grace, let us pray:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Laura Robert, Liturgist  
Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of all the evil we have seen in the world. Too often we cower in fear. We allow our fears to consume us and fail to see your goodness in this world. Our fear keeps us from speaking up for the oppressed, the marginalized and we allow hate to plague our world. Fill us with the assurance of your love that we might love one another and life up one another in faith. Amen.

*(Please take a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Laura Robert, Liturgist

The psalmist says: "Surely, I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." Know that we do not wait alone...Christ is with us. We are forgiven.

May we be encouraged and encourage one another to go and share the Good News! Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

Glory be to the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen,

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 Bible, page 141  
Laura Robert, Lector

ANTHEM *Now the Green Blade Riseth* arr. Andrews  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16 Bible, page 610

SERMON Be Ye Not Afraid Anghaarad Teague Dees

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH selections from the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against

and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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.