

HYMN #37

*Let All Things Now Living*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

*arr. Benjamin*

\*Please stand if able.

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**THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:**

**Sunday, April 23**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Earth Care Celebration

5:45 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. Coffee with Pastor at Starbucks on Timberlake Road

**Tuesday, April 25**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

**Wednesday, April 26**

STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

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

6:00 p.m. Game Night

**Thursday, April 27**

12:00 p.m. Lenten Book Study

**Friday, April 28**

8:00 p.m. Smoke on the Mountain at Renaissance Theatre

**Earth Care Celebration following Worship today**

We are celebrating Earth Care Sunday today. After worship, we will serve lemonade and cookies outside and will plant two trees in memory of Norris Deyerle and one of our youth's infant siblings. Please plan to join us.

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

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Olivia Evans.

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  
Earth Care Sunday  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 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 *There Is a Redeemer* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Josie Miller, Liturgist

L: We have come here seeking to worship the God of all creation.

P: **We have come to stand on holy ground!**

L: We have come to sing God's praises, as dogwoods and cherry trees sing  
God's praise with their blooming.

P: **We have come to sing praises to our Creator!**

L: We have come to experience the mighty rush of the Spirit like the James  
River and Blackwater Creek.

P: **We have come to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit!**

L: We have come to experience the God of Creation in this sacred space!

\*OPENING PRAYER Josie Miller, Liturgist

The earth...and everything on it, around it, in it, and beyond it belongs to you,  
O God! According to the creation hymn that opens our scriptures, we have the  
distinct pleasure of being responsible for the earth's care. So let's celebrate  
creation...let's celebrate bees and trees and manatees...let's celebrate cabbages,  
carrots, chipmunks, mountain peaks, and each other...let's worship God the  
Creator together! Amen.

\*HYMN #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

As people of faith we acknowledge that we are a people who frequently lose  
our connection to the one who Created us and we overlook our connection to  
all of creation. Let us reconcile ourselves to God and to all of creation as we  
pray together:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

The earth is yours, O Lord, and everything in it belongs to you. We confess  
that we have treated "our own" as exclusive property and cut off those in  
need from the gift of your abundance. We have ignored orphans, widows,  
foreigners, as if there were someone else to care for them. We confess that  
we have not looked after others nor have we cared for the precious gift of  
creation you have given us all. This earth is the garden you have asked us to  
care for and we acknowledge our heavy footprints, our hard hearts, and our  
overwhelming greed have made us poor caretakers. Forgive us. Take the  
dust of our lives and re-form us into your image, and then breathe into us the  
grace to live for you. Amen.

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Josie Miller, Liturgist

In the beginning, God breathed life into being, and every morning God's  
mercies are new. Know that you, child of God, made in God's image, are  
forgiven, loved and free. Believe and live the Good News.

God's goodness is planted more deeply than all that is wrong. Thanks be to  
God!

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 Elizabeth Plucker

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-2, 4a Bible, page 1  
Josie Miller, Lector

ANTHEM *Abide With Me* arr. Archer  
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 Bible, page 209

SERMON How Often Do We Fail to See? Anghaarad Teague Dees

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (selections from the Confession of 1967)

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings  
with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and  
disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its  
Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that  
they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female  
and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of  
generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed  
humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its  
good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued  
with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop  
and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice  
and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the  
fulfillment of human life.

HYMN #250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

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 *Near the Cross* arr. Ritter

\*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)

Eternal God, these gifts we bring to you may they be a reflection of our  
gratitude to you. Open our eyes to see your love reflected in your care for the  
planet. Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards that we might join you  
in caring for all that you have given us. May all we do bring glory to you. In the  
name of Christ we pray. Amen.