

# 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;  
Easter Sunday; April 4, 2021

*Our Vocalists are Bob Beilfus, Gerald Doyle and Helen Ford.*

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

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

#239

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: Come and see! Come and rejoice! The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty and hope is reborn.

P: We have come seeking Jesus of Nazareth. We have come to worship the One who saves.

L: Just as the prophets foretold, may God's name be praised.

All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever.  
Amen.

HYMN #236

*The Strife is O'er*

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

2 The powers of death have done their worst,

but Christ their legions hath dispersed:

let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

3 The three sad days are quickly sped;

Christ rises glorious from the dead:

all glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

4 Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,

that we may live, and sing to thee:

Alleluia! [Refrain]

## \*LITANY OF PRAISE

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Adapted from litany written by Ann Siddall and posted on the *Stillpoint Spirituality Centre* website.

L: We give you thanks, O Lord for those moments when someone we least expect to see suddenly stands before us.

P: We give you praise, O Lord for those moments when something we had lost is found again and we can scarcely believe our eyes.

L: We give you glory, O Lord for those moments when our fear is suddenly proved unfounded and we are surprised by joy.

P: This morning is such a moment. We had resigned ourselves to the worst, and suddenly there is a ray of hope.

L: On this morning we remember how Mary went to anoint a corpse, and was greeted by a Savior.

P: We give you honor, O Lord because you can help us see our lives and the world around us through the eyes and heart of Christ, who died and rose again on our behalf.

ALL: Because Christ lives, we have joy and hope and peace. Hallelujah!

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 10:34-43

Bob Beilfus, Lector

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### HYMN #238

#### *Thine is the Glory*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

#### Refrain:

Thine is the glory,

risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,

for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. [Refrain]

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Dawson

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Nancy Dawson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. AMEN

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 28:1-10

Nancy Dawson

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

**SERMON**

God Still Moves Stones

Nancy Dawson

**ANTHEM***Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness*

Bach.

<p>Rise up, my heart, with gladness, and hear the news today. Now let all gloom and sadness be gone without delay. Lifeless our Savior lay. So, too, shall we one day, but we shall know God's love, and rise to Heaven above!</p>	<p>With joy the foe had shouted, when Christ was laid in the tomb. But now the foe is routed. His joy is turned to gloom. Christ gains the victory. Through Him we all are free. He who was born to save has triumphed over the grave!</p>
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**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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

HYMN #245

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

*Christ Is Alive*

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