

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Salvation is Created* arr. Giardinieri

*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 of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.

HYMN #238 *Thine Is the Glory*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *The Trumpet Shall Sound* arr. Hopson

*PEALING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand if able.

OUR BRASS QUINTET PLAYERS THIS MORNING:

Trumpets - Sarah Blair & Taylor Lowry
French Horn - Michael Parlier
Trombone - Gavin Torrence
Tuba - Jonathan Farley
Timpani - Jordan Hoisington

Thank you David Webb, Jr. for assembling and Gerald Doyle for directing this group of talented musicians.

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

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Allie Wood.

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.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

"Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God
who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:54-56

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
EASTER PROCLAMATION

L: Christ is risen!

P: **The Lord is risen indeed!**

L: Glory and honor,
dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever.

P: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

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 *Alleluia, Christ is Risen* Wagner

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

L: In emptiness of night,

P: **We wait for dawn to break open.**

L: In our grief and suffering,

P: **We weep and look for something to hold on to.**

L: In the finality of the tomb,

P: **We wait for the dead to rise.**

L: In the face of death, we declare the Christ is Risen!

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

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror; you gave birth to all that we know: Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a newborn child crying in a cradle announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen, and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: with the words, "It is finished!" you put an end to our hopeless state of death, giving instead the promise of salvation and life. Early in the morning, a voice in a guarded graveyard, proclaimed you had risen, that you had come back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied, and destroyed you. Early in the morning, the body of believers gather together, one in faith and hope, one in purpose: To believe in and worship you, the one Lord, Jesus Christ, To live forgiven and thankful lives, and to celebrate the victory over death and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

*HYMN #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Early in the morning we gather in awe of the creation, incarnation, death and resurrection of our God and give thanks...but to also recognize the ways in which we have fallen short. Let us confess our sin together.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

God of Creation...at times we boldly sing the Hallelujahs of Easter with joy! At other times we sit quietly with our pain and loss and hold on to the smallest kernel of hope that we are not alone. On this Easter Day, may we not be ashamed of our doubts and struggles...nor may we lord over the skeptical our faithfulness. Instead, may we come to you with all the ways that we fall short, forget your commandment to love and fail to persist in following you. Jesus is calling our names this day reminding us that we are yours and that we are to share this journey of faith with one another. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Easter is the climax of the story, but not the end. God alone can roll away the stone, but we are called to run and tell: "We have seen the risen Lord! We have been forgiven! Come and follow, believe and live! If we don't who will? We are God's forgiven and beloved people!

God of new life, we give thanks for the new life you have given us. Alleluia! 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Lily Wood

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC *Hallelujah!* Cohen
Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-4 Bible, page 246
Steve Hubbard, Lector

ANTHEM *Christians, Celebrate and Sing!* Larson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10 Bible, page 41

SERMON An Invitation: To New Life Anghaarad Teague Dees

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' 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.

*HYMN #246 *Christ is Alive!*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE