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; 12th Sunday after Pentecost; August 23, 2020 Our vocalist today is Michael Whorley.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Mary Lee Ashman by Scott, Angie, Burt, Kate, and Jennifer.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you "*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: "And also with you."

PRELUDE

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Together We Serve

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O praise the Lord. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever.

- P: We come to be filled with God's Spirit that our lives may tell of the Lord's mighty acts and share the good news of God's grace.
- L: Our lives are full when we live as we were created to live and use the gifts God has given us.
- P: Blessed are those who act justly and with grace giving God the glory.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We gather in your presence, O Lord to give you the praise and adoration that you are due. We seek your guidance through your written, spoken, sung word and through our prayers and meditations. We open ourselves to your Spirit that our lives may be transformed as we seek to live as living sacrifices to you. May our worship glorify your Holy Name. Amen

Damon

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

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HYMN #761

1 Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair
4 So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow

Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

CALL TO CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

We have claimed Christ as Lord and Savior and are called to live as God's children being transformed in heart, mind and Spirit. But too often we fall short, acting on our own desires and agendas. The good news is that as we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive them through the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Let us turn humbly to God and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us O God when we hinder Christ's gospel. We distort the good news when we do not serve our neighbor. We seek safety rather than living completely for Christ. Our comfort comes before our confession; our allegiance is hindered, and we hide from commitment. Have mercy upon our misplaced devotion and in Christ hear our confession as we seek to repent.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of the gospel is what God promised to those before us. God's covenant has been fulfilled in the raising of Jesus. Let it be known that through Jesus forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. All who believe are free from their bondage and new life is available for all who repent. Praise the Lord!

Choral Response Hymn #748

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13 – 20

Sally Sease, Lector

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Michael Whorley, Gerald Doyle, Bob Beilfus

Romans 12:1-8

Hymn #39

Nancy Dawson

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Hymnal, page 35

SCRIPTURE READING

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

SERMON

Be Transformed

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's 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 #697

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take My Life Vs. 1, 3

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

HYMN #697 (continued)

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Take My Life Vs. 5-6 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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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 OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

You pour out your love upon us, O God; you give us eternal life. As your mercy is made manifest in Jesus, may thanksgiving be shown by our gifts. Accept what we offer as signs of our humble gratitude for your work in our lives. Amen

Hymn # 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat) I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat) I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat) I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (repeat)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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