

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;
13th Sunday after Pentecost; August 30, 2020

Our vocalist today is Gail Midkiff.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

Bless God

arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Julia Bryan, Liturgist

L: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

P: We remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles and his judgments.

L: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice

P: We seek the Lord and his strength; we seek God's presence with wonder and joy.

All: The Lord is our God. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and rejoice in your presence. In our worship may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. In our worship may the doubting find faith, and the anxious find peace. In our worship may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. As we gather together may your name be praised. Amen

HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Julia Bryan, Liturgist

Gracious and Loving God, we seek to follow you in our lives, but too often fail and go our own way. Help us to trust you as you call out our name and ask that we take on tasks that further the work of your kingdom. When we are afraid give us courage and when we doubt give us faith. Hear now our prayers confessing our sins against you and others.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that too often we take matters into our own hands and act in ways that are not according to your will. In our pride, we fail to wait for you and then when you do call us to action we pretend not to hear your voice or see the need. We make excuses and respond in fear, without trusting your love to empower us. Help us to trust you, and to follow where you lead. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ is the author and giver of all good things. He plants in our hearts the love of his name and when we doubt he increases our faith to follow and obey. Though the sacrifice of Christ our sins are forgiven, our relationship with God is healed and we are promised life eternal. Bring forth in us the fruit of good works that you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit may be glorified and honored. Amen

Choral Response Hymn #765 *May the God of Hope God with Us*

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Nancy Dawson, Lector

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Hymn #718

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

Nancy Dawson

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

SERMON

What's in a Name?

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

Hymnal, page 35

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 #52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

1 When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go!

Refrain:

Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh:
let my people go!

2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
"Let my people go!

If not, I'll smite your firstborn dead.

Let my people go!" [Refrain]

3 "No more shall they in bondage toil:
let my people go!

Let them come out with Egypt's spoil:
let my people go!" [Refrain]

4 O let us all from bondage flee;
let my people go!

And let us all in Christ be free:

let my people go! [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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)

Loving God, we have been blessed by you beyond measure. We have resources to share and do so out of thanksgiving for your gifts to us. May these offerings be used for the work of your kingdom, may our talents be used to serve those in need and may our time be filled with obeying your will. AMEN

HYMN #330

Our Help is in the Name of God

1 Our help is in the name of God the Lord,
The one who made the heavens with a word
Creator of the world, each living thing
Come, bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:
Our help is in the name of God the Lord
2 When evil seems to have the upper hand,
Call on God's name: the Lord, the great "I AM".
When troubles rise and all around gives way,

Remember God stays with us night and day.

Our help is in the name of God the Lord

3 Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer. Like
birds escaping from the fowlers snare

We are set free; our praises now ascend:

"Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend

Our help is in the name of God the Lord

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Built on a Rock

arr. Martin