

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;

10th Sunday after Pentecost; August 9, 2020

Our vocalists today are Jim Glass and Gail Midkiff.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Peggy & Norris Deyerle to the glory of God and in gratitude for their 45th wedding anniversary.

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: O Give Thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

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

L: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord. Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We gather to worship and praise you, O Lord, from lives that feel like a storm-tossed –sea. We risk waves to be faithful to you and we step out only to panic and sink. But you are there to reach out to us and give us the assurance to "have no fear". As you fill us with your presence may we be reminded of the mighty acts which you perform. Our hearts are lifted in awe and wonder and we glorify your holy name.

HYMN #43

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in his shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock, in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.
The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:

Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.
For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

In repentance and rest is our salvation, in quietness and trust is our reliance on God's strength. The Lord longs to be gracious and merciful to us and promises to forgive our sins as we humbly and honestly confess them. Let us boldly approach the throne of grace knowing we will find forgiveness, mercy and grace. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, when we face trials, it is natural to fear. But even in our fear you call us to trust in you. There are times, O Lord, when you ask us to take risks, our faith is lacking and we become complacent. Forgive us, O God. Help us to remember that you are a God to be trusted. Help us to step out in faith. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news. We can have faith because of God's faithfulness. Even when we waver and fall down, God is there to forgive us and pick us back up to keep striving to live in and for Christ. Nothing we do or don't do can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ for all power, glory and might rest with him and is ours through his cross and resurrection. Thanks be to God!

Choral Response Hymn #838

Standing on the Promises (Verse 3)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15

Meg Roach, Lector

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Dorsey

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Nancy Dawson

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON

Tell the Storm

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed

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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 #463

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;

for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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)

The offerings we bring are the blessings from your hand. The talents we offer are the gifts of your love. Help us to go forth to serve you wherever Christ calls. Bless our endeavors to welcome all, serve Christ and transform lives. AMEN

Hymn # 462

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat

what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr. Ellson

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