

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to you. Take our talents, our energy and our joy and use us to share your Love. Take our mistakes, our regrets, and our pain and use us to bring your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before you today to spring your peace, mercy and justice in the world. Amen.

***HYMN #100** *Canticle of the Turning*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude on "Solid Rock"* arr. Parks

**Please stand if able.*

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, August 27

10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Worship Committee meets

Monday, August 28

8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

Tuesday, August 29

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, August 30

STAR Homeschool Group downstairs
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
5:30 p.m. After Hours at 221 Tap & Table in Forest
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

After Hours Is Back!

Join Anghaarad for a beverage and conversation this Wednesday evening, 5:30 pm at 221 Tap & Table in Forest.

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.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST are Eric Barringer, Sharon Barringer, Bob Lockridge and Maureen Lockridge.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR AUGUST are Elizabeth Plucker and Gabe Trent.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Joy Jacob.

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
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

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 *Will You Come and Follow Me?* Maule

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(adapted from John Bell's hymn: "There is a Line of Women.")
Andrea Webb, Liturgist

L: There is a line of women extending back to Eve, whose role in shaping history God only could conceive; and through endless ages their witness was repressed.

P: God valued and inspired them through whom the world was blessed.

L: So sing a song of Sarah - to laughter she gave birth

P: Sing a song of Tamar who stood for women's worth;

L: So sing a song of Shiphrah with Puah close at hand, foiled the Pharaoh's command.

P: Sing a song of Rahab who sheltered spies and lied and sing a song of Esther who prevented genocide.

L: So sing a song of Anna who saw Christ's infant face and of Martha who gave him food and space.

P: And sing a song of Hannah who bargained with her Lord; and sing a song of Mary who bore and bred God's Word.

L: There is a line of women who took on powerful structures...who stood by Jesus's side, heeded his requests and now at heaven's banquet are Jesus' fondest guests.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Andrea Webb, Liturgist
We sing a song of women and men to God, who loves us all and in this sacred space we tell their stories often forgotten but stories that remind us we are called to be creative, strong and bold. Holy One...hear our songs as we worship you together. Amen.

*HYMN #390 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! (Sing through 3 times)*

CALL TO CONFESSION Andrea Webb, Liturgist
Sometimes the sin we must confess is not our actions and wrong-doings but our fatigue and apathy. Too often our self-interest controls us and we allow fear, pain, and misery rule our hearts instead of your grace and love...we want to be heroes and yet some days we are just bystanders to evil in this world and so to the Holy and Merciful One, we confess:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of holy rebellion, we admit that your voice is not always heard in the chaos all around us. When scripture offers us stories of heroes who have been immovable in their efforts to inspire, people to stand against evil in the world, we confess that it seems too risky. We confess that instead of doing what is right...we settle for what is easy because we don't want to risk the wrath of our peers. Hatred and violence are too often a real problem...and we must wonder: are we...actively or inactively...silently or loudly...helping preserve the problem? Against our deep desire to trust your vision, we often neglect our responsibility for one another, failing to do justice, live kindness, and be humble. Prepare us for your work. Unite us in your purpose. Heal us from our indifference. Make us active fighters for justice and mercy in our world. We pray through Christ, whose we follow. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Andrea Webb, Liturgist
Even when we mess-up...even when we neglect others...even when we forget who we are. God does not forget and stoops down to stand us back up, brush us off and call us beloved. My friends, we are forgiven, we are freed, we are loved...don't ever forget it.

Even at our worst, Jesus loves us and there is nothing we can do to change that. Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God (v.3)*

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, who heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Elizabeth Plucker

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 124 Bible, page 703
Andrea Webb, Lector

ANTHEM *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm/Runyan
Bob Beilfus, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Bible, page 60

SERMON Looking for a Hero Anghaarad Teague Dees

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

HYMN #379 *We Shall Overcome*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Declaration of Faith 1985

We acknowledge God's freedom and grace. Though we are unworthy, the Lord has made us his own in Christ. God has chosen us as his servants for the sake of the world and destined us to be his daughters and sons, giving us love and life, calling us to worship and honor him. When Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, God heard their cries and prayers. God remembered his promise and sent Moses to free them from bondage. We declare God's steadfast love and sovereign power. The Lord can be trusted to keep promises. The Lord still acts in the affairs of individuals and nations to set oppressed and persecuted people free. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* arr. Paxton

*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.