

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 15, 2021
Our Vocalist is Bob Beilfus

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Judy Bigelow Leslie by her husband, Sam Leslie.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

L: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ, the bread of life,

P: to teach us his ways, feed us with his flesh and blood,

L: and fill us with the Holy Spirit.

P: Thanks be to God!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts, that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. In Christ we find hope, forgiveness and courage for new beginnings. Amen.

***HYMN #403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace.
2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,

there a heaven on earth must be;
to my heart O enter thou;
let it be thy temple now.
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee,
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his and committed sins against God and others. Humbly accepting his power and grace to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

With Christ as our hope, O God, we stand at the gates of your sanctuary seeking your love and grace. We confess that we are rigid in our faith and in our response to you. We are quick to judge others and fail to see the sins in our own lives. We try to confine the work of your kingdom to times that are convenient for us. Forgive us our lack of faith and mistaken priorities. Restore in us your grace and your ultimate claim upon our lives. **AMEN**

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

The good news of the gospel is that in Christ we are forgiven! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!**

***CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #647**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One'
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son
And now let the weak say we are strong;

let the poor say we are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!
Give thanks. Give thanks.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Gail Midkiff, Lector

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

ANTHEM

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Hymn #451

1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Nancy Dawson

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

For What Will You Ask?

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *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 #838**

Standing on the Promises

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

standing, standing,

I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [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** (unison)

We give thanks to you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. Breathe on these gifts we bring, that through them your life may feed, strengthen, and bless this world, through Christ, our bread of life. Amen.

***HYMN #743**

O God, You Are My God

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

and I will learn to walk in your ways.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

And step by step you'll lead me

I will seek you in the morning,

And I will follow you all of my days.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Hail the Lord of All Creation

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Please remain seated during the postlude.