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 1, 2021 *Our Vocalist is Helen Ford.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Kevin Jones to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Glover.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Heaven's Bread

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: The doors are open; God calls to us to come in and find a place of comfort and renewal.
- P: Our faith draws us together this day. We turn away from our weariness and fear. We leave behind our anxiety and cares.
- L: There is bread here to feed our every need. Come taste of the bounty of God's blessings here and now.
- P: Praise God for this time apart! Praise God for this time of refreshment and renewal.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Giver of life, every day you rain down manna from heaven so that we can eat the bread of angels. Turn our complaints into gratitude, that we, as a church, may mature into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world. **Amen**.

*Please stand

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*HYMN #624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart, who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive; sustain us by thy faith and by thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour.

4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

5 Our hope is in no other save in thee: our faith is built upon thy promise free; Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure, that in thy strength we evermore endure.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin together, for we have all fallen short of the glory of God.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving Lord, you know our hearts and minds. You know the good we want to do and don't. We are so easily distracted and preoccupied by food that does not satisfy and we ignore your spiritual food that endures forever. We look for signs rather than trusting your word. Help us, O Lord, for we cannot help ourselves. Amen

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and of peace.

When We Are Living

*CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #822

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, And when we're dying, it is in the Lord Both in our living and in our dying We belong to God; we belong to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 16:2-15

SCRIPTURE READING:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?'

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And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God." 'In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

ANTHEM

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

Yea, I will seek Thee early.

Now I will bless Thee daily

My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee

In a barren desert where there is no water.

And lift my hands in prayer and adoration;

Yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

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Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings. Lord, Thou art indeed my God,

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35

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So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever be-lieves in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON

HYMN #494 vs. 1-2

1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call. Bread of Life

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.

*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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

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*HYMN #494 vs. 3-5

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

3 We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,

glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away;

shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, in Christ you call us to lead a life worthy of our calling. We come before you with these gifts as a token of our love and thanksgiving. Your mercy at work within us enables us to do and be more than we could ever ask. We give all to you in the name of Christ, our redeemer. AMEN

*HYMN #65

 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty.
 Hold me with thy powerful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Death of death. and hell's destruction.

bid my anxious fears subside.

land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

Please remain seated during the postlude.

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