

# 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 22, 2021  
*Our Vocalists are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.*

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.

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Gerald Doyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gerald Doyle

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

*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*

arr. Chesterton

#### DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

A: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

L: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

A: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

**\*HYMN #41**

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*

1 O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;

established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

If it was easy to follow Jesus, we would not need to ask for forgiveness. But it is tough... tough to say 'yes,' tough to be graceful, tough to be loving. Yet despite all of our faults...whatever we do, God loves us enough to forgive us and to feed us with the Bread of Life.

Let us confess before God and one another... Let us pray,

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Spirit of God, we confess that we put on airs more often than we put on the armor of God. We are guilty of girding ourselves with lies instead of the truth. We try to protect ourselves with arrogance, superstition, and self-reliance instead of righteousness, faith, and your gift of salvation. Our footsteps do not follow your path of peace. And we are quick to use your Word to attack one another, instead of striking out against the sins we personally commit. Forgive us, Holy God. Gift us with the wisdom and strength to change our ways, so that we may live as your faithful ambassadors of the Good News. Amen

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Today, hear the words of eternal hope; Today, trust in the One who hears your prayers, and showers grace and forgiveness upon you. Today, we are set free to serve God's people and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #841**

*God Is My Strong Salvation*

God is my strong salvation;  
what foe have I to fear?  
In peril and temptation  
my light, my help, is near.

Though hosts encamp around me,  
firm to the fight I stand;  
what terror can confound me,  
with God at my right hand?

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Skip Wodke

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 84

Gerald Doyle, Lector

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion. O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

### ANTHEM

*O Sing to the Lord*

*Hymn #637*

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.'

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

O sing to our God, O sing to our God

O sing to our God, O sing to our God

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

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### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Skip Wodke

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him and in the power of His boundless might. Put on the full armor of God for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier, so that you may be able to successfully stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, contending only with physical opponents, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly supernatural places. Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to successfully resist and stand your ground in the evil day of danger, and having done everything that the crisis demands, to stand firm in your place, fully prepared, immovable and victorious. So stand firm and hold your ground, HAVING TIGHTENED THE WIDE BAND OF TRUTH, (personal integrity, moral courage), AROUND YOUR WAIST and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, (an upright heart), and having strapped on YOUR FEET THE GOSPEL OF PEACE IN PREPARATION to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news. Above all, lift up the protective shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the SWORD of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. With all prayer and petition pray with specific requests at all times on every occasion and in every season in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition interceding in prayer for all God's people. And pray for me, that words may be given to me when I open my mouth, to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news of salvation, for which I am an ambassador in chains. And pray that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly and courageously, as I should.

### SERMON

*The Armor of God*

Skip Wodke

**\*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 #402**

*How Lovely Lord*

1 How lovely, Lord, how lovely  
is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting,  
to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter,  
a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us  
within its walls to rest.  
2 In your blest courts to worship,  
O God, a single day  
is better than a thousand  
if I from you should stray.

I'd rather keep the entrance  
and claim you as my Lord  
than revel in the riches  
the ways of sin afford.  
3 A sun and shield forever  
are you, O Lord Most High;  
you shower us with blessings;  
no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving,  
from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers  
of blessing overflow.

**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)

Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you; you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

**\*HYMN #731**

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm  
When all around seems bleak  
On God's good promise they rely  
So while they live and when they die  
How forcefully they speak  
The strong who once were weak

2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear  
Beyond mere mortal sight  
Who seek the city God has planned  
The true eternal promised land  
And steer on toward that light  
A beacon ever bright

3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure  
A sparkling precious stone  
They show by what they say and do  
An inward beauty warm and true  
For God's concerns they own  
God's love through them is known

4 Give thanks for saints of ages past  
And saints alive today  
Though often by this world despised  
Their hearts by God are richly prized  
Give thanks that we may say  
We share their pilgrim way

**BENEDICTION**

Skip Wodke

**POSTLUDE**

*With Might and Majesty*

Scott

Please remain seated during the postlude.

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