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;

11th Sunday after Pentecost; August 8, 2021

Our Vocalists are Andrea Webb & Olivia Webb.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in thanks for Peggy and Norris Deyerle's 46th wedding anniversary. Praise the Lord!

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 As the Deer arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Skip Wodke, Liturgist

- L: I will bless the Lord at all times;
- P: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- L: O magnify the Lord with me,
- P: and let us exalt God's name together.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Draw us to Christ that we may receive nourishing grace for our journey in this world and know at last the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**.

^{*}Please stand

*HYMN #407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers.

O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light. To us reveal

our emptiness and woe.

And lead us in those paths of life

where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts

like sacrificial flame.

Let our whole soul an offering be

to our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and spread your wings,

the wings of peaceful love.

And let the church on earth become

blest as the church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers.

Make a lost world your home.

Descend with all your gracious powers.

O come, great Spirit, come!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

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

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Eph. 4:31–32

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Let us put away bitterness, wrath, anger, wrangling, slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us. Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #592

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy,

blessed is one who comes in the name of God.

God of power and God of might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed,

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Skip Wodke

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,
Refrain: (Congregation join in singing)
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!
2 For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

3 For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain] 4 For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain] 5 For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35: 41-51

Nancy Dawson

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

SERMON Living Bread Nancy Dawson

*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 #733

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.
2 We all are called for service
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:

by God's surprising grace, so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

to touch the lives of others

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)

Receive these gifts, O God. May our lives be a fragrant offering that is pleasing to you, in union with Christ's offering for us. Amen.

*HYMN #708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

3 The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.
4 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

BENEDICTION Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE Acclamation of Praise Birchwood

Please remain seated during the postlude.