

# 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;  
6th Sunday after Epiphany; February 13, 2022  
*Our Vocal Leader is Gerald Doyle.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

WELCOME

Anghaarad Teague Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

arr. Andrews

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

P: God's ways are just and merciful.

L: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith like trees planted by streams of water.

P: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

P: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

**\*HYMN #401**

*Gather Us In*

Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession as we pray together. . .

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

By grace you have been saved through faith and this not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Steve Hubbard

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 6:17-26

Steve Hubbard, Lector

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

### ANTHEM

*Take My Life*

Hymn #697

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

### SERMON

Like the Trees

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### HYMN #730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and God's love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.  
3 They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good

Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

### Statement on Ordination

#### Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Constitutional Questions

Do we the members of the church accept, Jim Glass, Valerie Rogers, Anders Sunwall and Bob Lockridge as ruling elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

### Prayer of Ordination and Installation

#### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

#### Welcome

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and gracious God, accept the tithes and offerings we present you today. May these bring pleasure in your presence. May our sincere desire to be faithful stewards bring joy to your heart. We pray for your blessing today and as we come dedicating our lives and labors we ask that you would bless us in return. So fulfill your word in our lives today. Amen.

**\*HYMN #853**

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God  
 we are marching in the light of God  
 We are marching in the light of God  
 we are marching in the light of God  
 We are marching, oo  
 we are marching in the light of God  
 We are marching, oo  
 we are marching in the light of God  
 Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
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Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
 Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
 Siyahamba oo  
 Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
 Siyahamba oo  
 Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'  
 We are dancing...  
 We are praying...  
 We are singing...

**BENEDICTION**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above*

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**Today is Souper Bowl!**

Are you a fan of the Bengals? Do you cheer for the Rams? Or are you a fan of feeding the hungry? This Sunday our youth will have soup pots designated for the teams facing off in the Super Bowl to receive your donations for Souper Bowl of Caring. Your donations will help feed children here in Lynchburg and a portion of the monies raised will go to support Rise Against Hunger. You can choose which team you want to win the Super Bowl by choosing which Soup Pot you place your donation or if you don't have a favorite team...give twice and put donations in both pots! We will see you this Sunday!!

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