

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;
First Sunday in Lent; February 21, 2021
Our vocalist today is Helen Ford.

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

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you "*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

Holy Ground

arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised for our justification.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Trusting in God's promise of salvation, let us confess our sin and repent.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE: Hymn #581

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Steve Hubbard

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Gen. 17 1-7,15-16

Bob Beilfus, Lector

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Althouse

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:13-25

Steve Hubbard

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

PROFESSION 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

Nancy Dawson

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)

Nancy Dawson

Almighty God, we thank you for the covenant you established with Abraham and Sarah, which you have opened to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept these offerings with the dedication of our lives, that we may be for the world a sign of your abiding love and a testament to your enduring promise. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Dial-in number: (425) 436-6379 Access code: 2436590#)

Opening Prayer

Declaration of Quorum

Purpose of Meeting – Elect 2021 Nominating Committee

The 2020 Nominating Committee have selected the following nominees:

- Jim Glass
- Nicole Plucker
- Steve Bryan
- Evelyn Glass

Vote

Declaration

Closing Prayer

HYMN #840

When Peace Like a River

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;
 it is well; it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,

and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
 even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Come, We That Love the Lord

arr. Mansfield