

# 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;

Second Sunday in Lent; February 28, 2021

Our vocalists today are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gladys Marcy by Peggy & Norris Deyerle.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Sally Sease

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Sease

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

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

arr. Livingston

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease Liturgist

L: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

A: **We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

L: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

A: **We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

L: In this time of reflection and repentance,

A: **We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Gracious God you are an All-knowing and All-caring God, we gather this day drained by yet another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ our Lord & Savior. Amen!

## HYMN #49

## *The God of Abraham Praise*

1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days,  
the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name,  
forever blest.

2 Your spirit still flows free,  
high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old  
and you speak still.  
Established is your law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart  
by your strong hand.

3 Your goodly land we seek,  
with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty  
and Sabbath rest.

There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

4 You have eternal life  
implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.

We praise you, living God!  
We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought,  
and still the same!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Jesus says: "The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel."  
Come, let us return unto our God, Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Most holy God, we admit to you and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we find it hard to recognize who we are, where we came from, or where we are going. We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, waylaid by glittering consumerism, and led by the nose along the highways and byways created by powerful, vested interests. Please open our eyes that we may see ourselves more clearly and seek you more diligently. Most loving God, arrest the false god's that have diverted us, show us the deceits that have blurred our vision, unmask the poverty of our goals and longings, expose the cheap values that parade as virtues, save us from permitting a rift between Christ and us, and deliver us from cheap guilt and trivial remorse. Please bring us to an honest repentance, the forgiveness of sins and the renewal of our faith and love. Through Christ Jesus, our Saviour, Amen!

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Sease, Liturgist

My fellow travelers on the road to Easter, always remember that there is much more forgiveness in God than we could ever exhaust. Receive from God, through the grace of Christ, the blessing of sins forgiven and a right relationship restored. Amen!

**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.

**DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD****SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 22:23-31

Sally Sease, Lector

You who fear the LORD with awe-inspired reverence, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him. Fear Him with submissive wonder, all you descendants of Israel. For He has not despised nor detested the suffering of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from him; But when he cried to Him for help, He listened. My praise will be of You in the great assembly. I will pay my vows made in the time of trouble before those who reverently fear Him. The afflicted will eat and be satisfied; Those who diligently seek Him *and* require Him as their greatest need will praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations will bow down *and* worship before You, For the kingship *and* the kingdom are the LORD'S And He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust, the dead will bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep his soul alive. Posterity will serve Him; They will tell of the Lord to the next generation. They will come and declare His righteousness To a people yet to be born—that He has done it and that it is finished.

**ANTHEM***There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Hymn #792

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 4: 1-13

Skip Wodke

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give to whom I will. If you then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**SERMON**

Let's Make a Deal

Skip Wodke

**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 #166**

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days  
 For us did fast and pray,  
 Teach us to overcome our sins,  
 And close by You to stay.  
 2 As You with Satan did contend  
 And did the vict'ry win,  
 O give us strength in You to fight,  
 In You to conquer sin.  
 3 As You did hunger and did thirst,  
 So teach us, gracious Lord,

To die to self, and only live  
 By Your most holy word.  
 4 And through these days of penitence,  
 And through Your Passion-tide,  
 For evermore, in life and death,  
 O Lord, with us abide.  
 5 Abide with us that, when this life  
 Of suffering is past,  
 An Easter of unending joy  
 We may attain at last!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Skip Wodke

**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)**

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Dear Lord, we give back to you in thankfulness what you have given to us in kindness. We acknowledge that the world and its resources are not ours but yours, and that you have put us in charge as your managers. Help us to exercise responsibly the authority you have given us in your world. Let Jesus be the pattern for all our dealings with one another, and with the rest of your creation. Bless these gifts we now present back to you, so that they may be used in the work of your Kingdom here on this earth. Amen.

**HYMN #775**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
 I want Jesus to walk with me;  
 all along my pilgrim journey,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
 in my trials, Lord, walk with me;

when my heart is almost breaking,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
 when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
 Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**BENEDICTION**

Skip Wodke

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him*

arr. Smith