

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;
4th Sunday after Epiphany; January 31, 2021
Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Edgar and Virginia Pickrel, by Brenda & Michael Whorley and Don & Lorene Pickrel.

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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Broughton

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

L: The Word of God awaits us here; come to worship. The Holy Spirit welcomes us; gather to pray and praise.

P: From the routines and struggles of our lives, we come. Amid the stresses and worries of every day, we gather.

L: Come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ; God is waiting to offer us a new life of freedom.

P: In hope, we seek God's caring presence; in faith we dare to trust God's steadfast love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

Almighty God, Light from Light, who commands the universe and all that is made, your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken, the force of good, and the food of peace. Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue. Heal us now so that in all that we say and do, the freedom we have in you may be for others, too; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #177

I Will Come to You

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am here

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me
REFRAIN:
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name

Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live

CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

God of mercy, we need your healing, yet we seek it in ways that are not yours. You want to transform our lives yet we are afraid of change. You call us to come, but we turn deaf ears. Your Word is awesome and powerful yet we go looking for truth and excitement elsewhere. Forgive us once again that we may be witnesses of your love and grace. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Michael Whorley, Liturgist

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Michael Whorley, Lector

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

ANTHEM

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Hymn #722

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

Nancy Dawson

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

Authority to Effect Change

Nancy Dawson

HYMN #13 (red hymnal)

God Himself Is with Us

1. God Himself is with us: Let us now adore Him,
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple, All within keep silence,
And before Him bow with reverence.
Him alone, God we own;
To our Lord and Saviour Praises sing forever.
2. God Himself is with us: Whom angelic legions
Serve with awe in heavenly regions.
Holy, Holy, Holy, Sing the hosts of heaven,

Praise to God be ever given.
Bow Thine ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Thy Church now raises.
3. Lord, come dwell within us, While on earth we tarry,
Make us Thy blest sanctuary, Grant us now Thy presence,
Unto us draw nearer, And reveal Thyself still clearer.
Where we are, Near or far, Let us see Thy power,
Every day and hour. Amen.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

ELDER PRESENTATION 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27

Gerald Doyle

L: As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

P: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling**

L: In baptism Sharon Barringer, Neal Gibson, Liz Huband, Faith Jacobs, Janet LaPrade, Jane Reynolds, David Webb, Mike Whorley and Reuben Womack were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to serve in ministries of leadership and governance.

P: **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.**

L: 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.

P: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

Steve Hubbard

We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, ruling elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church in which those whom Christ has called are set aside for a particular ministry with prayer and laying on of hands. Installation is the action of the church in which those who are called to serve are formally placed into office for use by God in the leadership of Christ's church. The purpose and pattern of leadership in the church shall be understood not in terms of power, but of service, after the manner of the servant ministry of Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – Apostle's Creed

Shirley Morris

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.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Sally Sease

Representing the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, the Session of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church now installs Neal Gibson, Liz Huband, Jane Reynolds, Mike Whorley and Reuben Womack and Ordains Sharon Barringer, Faith Jacobs, Janet LaPrade and David Webb to active service on the Session for the classes of 2021, 2022, 2023.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

TO THE OFFICERS

Rev. Nancy Dawson

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
- Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?
- Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service?
- Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

TO THE CONGREGATION

Bob Lockridge

- Do we, the members of the church, accept Sharon Barringer, Neal Gibson, Liz Huband, Faith Jacobs, Janet LaPrade, Jane Reynolds, David Webb, Mike Whorley and Reuben Womack as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the church?

PRAYER FOR INSTALLATION/ORDINATION

Rev. Nancy Dawson

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Nancy Dawson

CHARGE TO THE ELDERS and WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Julia Bryan

HYMN #312

Take Us As We are, O God

1 Take us as we are, O God,
and claim us as your own.
As once you chose to tell your love
in human flesh and bone,
so let our lives be used to make
your saving purpose known.
2 Bless us for your service, Lord;
no power we devise
will ever give us strength enough
or make us truly wise,
yet by your promise we can know
the peace your grace supplies.

3 Break us open to disclose
how brokenness can heal,
wherever broken loaves suffice
to give a crowd a meal
and graves break open to release
new life from death's dread seal.
4 Give us to the world you love
as light and salt and yeast,
that we may nourish in your name
the last, the lost, the least,
until at length you call us all
to your unending feast.

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)

For Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air, and fire, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life, we give you thanks, O God. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

HYMN #299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.
2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,
he still remains nigh; his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4 Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr. Rogers