

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *The Rock of Salvation* Ritter

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5:15 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Monday, January 22

5:45 p.m. STAR Homeschool Debate Club

Tuesday, January 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

STAR Homeschool Group in building
11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. Haiti Meeting

Thursday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Group
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Rise against Hunger Next Sunday

Plan on staying after worship next Sunday as we pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. "By packing and providing these meals, we can make an immeasurable impact on children around the globe, truly shaping their futures and paving the way toward education and nourishment. Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children with malnutrition. Without the right nutrients, the brain cannot develop properly, resulting in long term effects on learning abilities." (Information from Rise Against Hunger website)

This mission project is always a fun experience for all ages. We need a big group to participate in this event to get the meals packed. We also need people to be in the Fellowship Hall at 9am next Sunday to help unload the supplies from the Rise Against Hunger truck and then to help pack the truck back up when we are finished. Please help if you can.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given today by Sara Curtis to the glory of God and in loving memory of Buzz's parents, Iva & Robert D. Curtis, Sr. and Sara's parents, Louise & Edmund Russell.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY are Peggy Deyerle, Jane Reynolds, Anders Sunwall, & Joan Woodroof,

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Olivia Evans.

ELDERS ON DUTY FOR JANUARY are Sam Miller & Anders Sunwall.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024

WELCOME Richard Goodman
ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Goodman
MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Peggy Deyerle
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard Goodman
*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 *I Am Thine, O Lord* arr. Paxton

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Sara Curtis, Liturgist
L: Jesus calls us
P: **To prayer and praise, to song and silence...to worship together!**
L: Jesus calls us
P: **To come and follow him and to be his disciples! May we boldly follow.**
L: Jesus calls us
P: **In the midst of despair, indifference, cruelty...and yet we will accept the invitation.**
L: Jesus calls us to justice, love, service, and healing.
P: **Let us worship together with joy in our calling!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
You call us, wanderer of seashores and sidewalks, inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the uncharted waters of faith to wander off from our predictable paths to follow you into the unpredictable footsteps of the kingdom; to leave behind what is comfortable and known to accompany you into the uncomfortable and unknown. And so we come, waiting, straining to hear your call upon our lives. May we be bold to let go and follow you. Amen.

*HYMN #726 *The Summons*

*CALL TO CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
Sometimes we must let go of our nets...of all that we have trapped ourselves with...in order to follow Jesus. As we examine our hearts and our lives let us confess our reluctance to follow and may we examine what we must let go of in order to follow Jesus.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Sara Curtis, Liturgist
Jesus, you call us to come and follow you and yet we are laden with excuses. We are so consumed by the busyness of our lives that we don't always hear your call. We are fickle and our hearts waver. We go back and forth from fully committing to follow you and following our desires. We are misled by greed and power. We follow the false assurance of security and satisfaction. We forget that following you is caring for neighbors and speaking up for all of your beloved community. We know that we aren't expected to do everything...but we often forget that you call us to be our selves in the places where our very self is what is most needed. Give us the grace to say "yes" to your call and open our hearts to truly hear your call to follow you. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sara Curtis, Liturgist
Beloved ones, know that in Christ we are forgiven, we are restored, we are loved. Live into the ways into which Christ is calling you. Go and share the good news, for God is calling you, God loves you abundantly, God wants you to find the right way.
May we live into the good news of our salvation. Alleluia! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice the Lord is King! (Verse 1)*
Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Here Am I* Richard Goodman
US Traditional from the singing of Mississippi John Hurt

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Bible, page 207
Sara Curtis, Lector

ANTHEM *Lead me, Lord, in Thy Righteousness* Wesley
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20 Bible, page 42

SERMON The Call Richard Goodman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' 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 #170 *You Walk along Our Shoreline*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Take My Life and Let It Be* arr. Ellson

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

We come to you, O God, with all that we have and all that we are and dedicate our lives to the following of Christ in this world. May these meager gifts we bring grow abundantly in service to you and your beloved community. May we be followers of love and join the fishermen, the sinners, the women, the children, the sick and the poor, the needy and hopeful to be fully alive in this world...to be the hands and feet of Christ. Amen.

HYMN #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*