

# 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 Pentecost; July 12, 2020

Our vocalists today are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. Dr. William Honeywell by his wife Elizabeth.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

*Rock of Ages*

arr. Benjamin

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: God's Word awaits us; Let us worship God.

P: We come to be renewed in the Spirit of Christ.

L: In hope, let us seek God's caring presence.

P: In faith, we trust God's steadfast love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy Breath, we have stumbled through the week and groped our way back to this place. Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts, for we carry the name of Jesus and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

## HYMN #407

## *Spirit Divine Attend our Prayers*

1 Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers.  
O come, great Spirit, come!

2 Come as the light. To us reveal  
our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life  
where all the righteous go.

3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts  
like sacrificial flame.

Let our whole soul an offering be  
to our Redeemer's name.

4 Come as the dove and spread your wings,  
the wings of peaceful love.  
And let the church on earth become  
blest as the church above.

5 Spirit divine, attend our prayers.  
Make a lost world your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers.  
O come, great Spirit, come!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of unending grace and love, we confess that too often we are feeble in our faith. We try to fix problems ourselves and believe that our needs are met by our own efforts. In our busyness, your word sometimes falls on deaf ears. At other times, we simply choose not to put you first in our lives. We get distracted with things which do not last and miss the blessings of your love. Forgive us for all that isolates us from you, and help us to live according to your word. AMEN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. If you hear nothing else today, hear these words: there is no condemnation. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Philip Hubbard, Lector

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

## ANTHEM

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

Nancy Dawson

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## SERMON

Life on God's Terms

Nancy Dawson

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## HYMN #451

### *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## 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 OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we bring our offerings with joy and thanksgiving for the grace you have poured out upon us. We dedicate our time; fill it with your presence. Use these gifts for your purposes and use us as we seek to do your will. In the name of Christ, AMEN

## HYMN #546

### *Lord, Dismiss us with your Blessing*

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation

in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us,  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.

## BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

## POSTLUDE

*Hail the Lord of All Creation*

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