

# 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;

8th Sunday after Pentecost; July 26, 2020

Our vocalists today are Bob Beilfus and Gerald Doyle.

### 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

*Lord of My Heart*

arr. Doran

### DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

*L: O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name.*

*P: We sing praise to God and tell of his wonderful works.*

*L: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

*P: The Lord is our God. Praise the Lord!*

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion: always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon, for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. Amen.

## HYMN #321

## *The Church's One Foundation*

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Sisters and brothers, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are Lord of all, yet we often worship other gods and fail to honor you. You have given us life and we have hoarded it as our own. We have received abundantly from your hand and then refused to share. Forgive us, O God, and helped us to live in awe and obedience to you. AMEN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Sisters and brothers, nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. Please remember these words of assurance: "In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

## Choral Response Hymn #267

## *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Praise yet our Christ again,  
Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33

Sally Sease, Lector

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

### ANTHEM

*You Servants of God*

Hymn #299

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13: 44-46

Nancy Dawson

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

### SERMON

The Kingdom of Heaven

Nancy Dawson

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed      Hymnal, page 35

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 #310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God.  
Her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye,  
and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;

to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways:  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, page 35

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)

We bless you, O God, and remember your steadfast love and mercy. We give to you our expressions of thanksgiving and praise. May we and these gifts be used to share the good news of your grace. AMEN

Hymn #317

*In Christ There is No East or West*

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

*Immortal, Invisible*

arr. Parks

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