

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;
5th Sunday after Pentecost; July 5, 2020

Our vocalist today is Bob Beilfus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenn D. and Claire Flint by their son Glenn Flint, Jr.

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

We Worship and Adore You

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DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

L: The God of steadfast love calls us together.

P: God names us and gathers us as one body.

L: God leads us to face ourselves and our potential.

P: God frees us to live the new life Christ offers.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HYMN #331*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand
 leads forth in beauty all the starry band
 of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
 our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
 be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
 Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
 Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
 In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
 thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
 Lead us from night to never-ending day.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
 and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gail Midkiff, Liturgist

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Hear now our prayers of confession, O Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we are sometimes a people of unrealized visions and unfulfilled dreams. We struggle so often with sin and are tempted to go astray. Our wrestling between good and evil exhausts us rather than empowers us. Help us to be open to your transforming spirit. Forgive us and bless us, we pray. AMEN

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is God's gospel promise, to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone and faith alone. Praise be to God!

HYMN#647*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
 give thanks to the Holy One;
 give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
 And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
 let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord
 has done for us!" Give thanks! Give thanks!

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

Genesis 24 Background

Nancy Dawson, Lector

ANTHEM*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymn #475

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Nancy Dawson

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'" Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from* Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk* in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

SERMON

God's Plan

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 #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

For your abundant grace, we give you thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide hope for those in the midst of doubt, freedom for those in bondage to sin and help for those facing trouble and distress. We dedicate these offerings and ourselves to your will and your work. AMEN

HYMN #703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.

2 O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,

my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.

3 O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Acclamation of Praise

Birchwood