

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;
3rd Sunday after Pentecost; June 13, 2021
Our Vocalist is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Fran & Kent Ford in honor of their granddaughter, Mallory's birthday.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

arr. Scott

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

L: Gather in sacred and faithful assembly

P: We come in awe that God loves and cares for us.

L: God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.

P: We rejoice in God, who supports us and guides us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to you calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world, through Jesus, the Word become flesh. **Amen.**

**Please stand*

HYMN #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Holy and merciful God, we come in repentant humility seeking your forgiveness and grace. We confess that, at times, our worship is not genuine, but is full of empty rituals. You call us to deeds of mercy, yet we turn our backs on those in need. You empower us to work for justice, but we ignore the plight of those who suffer. Forgive us, O God, and help us to grow in humble service. AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news—If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #829 vs. 1 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray;

take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Steve Hubbard

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 4:26-34

Meg Roach, Lector

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

ANTHEM

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Hymn #624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;

sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.
4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
that we may dwell in perfect unity.
5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 MSG

Nancy Dawson

The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written, "I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I'll expose so-called experts as shams." So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—*preaching*, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation. While Jews clamor for miraculous demonstrations and Greeks go in for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. Jews treat this like an *anti*-miracle—and Greeks pass it off as absurd. But to us who are personally called by God himself—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so cheap, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."

SERMON

Buzzards, Bats and Bumblebees

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 #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!

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

In thanksgiving for all we have received, and for the privilege of sharing, we gratefully bring our tithes and offerings.
We offer ourselves with our gifts that truth and peace may prevail thought your world. In Jesus' name, AMEN

HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1. Come sing O church in joy
Come join O church in song
For Christ the Lord has led us
Through the ages long

Chorus

In bold accord
Come celebrate the journey now

And praise the Lord
2. Long years have come and gone
And still God reigns supreme
Empowering us to catch the vision
Dream the dream (chorus)
3. Let courage be our friend
Let wisdom be our guide

As we in mission
Magnify the Crucified (chorus)
4. Come sing O church in joy
Come join O church in song
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
Over the ages long (chorus)

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

arr. Smith

Please remain seated during the postlude.