

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 21, 2020

Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Fran & Kent Ford. to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter, Mallory Ford's, 4th birthday.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Skip Wodke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Skip Wodke

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Skip Wodke , Liturgist

L: Come to Christ, the Great Storyteller and he will teach you the meaning of life.

P: We come to worship and bow down and then be sent out to do the work of God's Kingdom.

L: Come with expectant hearts that can be used by God to do unimaginable things.

P: We come as followers of Christ to serve as we are called. Praise the Lord

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As we gather to worship you here in this sanctuary and in our homes, we give you thanks for your presence with us and glorify your holy name. Lift our spirits today that our hearts and minds may be open to your word and to your call that in all we do and say, others may know the love and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

HYMN #451

Open My Eyes That I May See

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!

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!
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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

As we gather in God's presence, we are awed by the Holy One and realize how our decisions, actions and choices have not followed God's call in our lives. The good news is that God's mercy never ends and God's grace is available to all. Let us now turn our hearts to prayer confessing our sins before God and each other. Let us pray first together then silently.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, too many times we justify our own behavior and ignore your will for us. These actions and words wound others and ourselves and tarnish our walk with you. Forgive us when we disobey and help us to sincerely repent and turn from our selfish ways. May our lives seek instead to give you glory and honor. In the mercy and grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, Jesus Christ came to earth to show us how to love and follow Almighty God. Jesus took our sins upon himself and took them to the cross and grave. Through the power of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, he was raised from the dead to life eternal. We share this new life with him as we trust in his mercy and grace. Praise be the Lord!

HYMN#435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

2 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 15:34– 16:13

Steve Hubbard, Lector

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

ANTHEM

Faith of Our Fathers

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:30-33

Michael Whorley

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;

SERMON

A Question of Faith

Michael Whorley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLE'S 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.

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

HYMN #612

We Praise You, O God

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

God of all people, you have redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and blessed us with gifts and resources to take this good news into all the world. Help us to confess with our tongues and with our lives that Christ is risen. Use us to proclaim your majesty and love. Accept these gifts that they might be used in obedient service to you for they are offered in the name of Christ, Our Savior. AMEN

BENEDICTION

Michael Whorley

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

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