

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;
2nd Sunday after Pentecost; June 6, 2021
Our Vocalist is Helen Ford.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph Afflerbach by his wife Barbara, his son & daughter in law Bob & Regina Afflerbach, and daughter & son in law, Deborah & Sandy White.

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

Come, O Savior, to Your Table

arr. Logan

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in God's word I hope;

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

L: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem

P: The Lord will redeem God's people from all iniquities.

All: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

We gather in your presence, O Lord, because your teachings and miracles feed our Spirits and uplift our hearts.
We gather in your presence, O Lord, to hear God's word come to life and to be challenge in our daily living.
We gather in your presence, O Lord, to praise and glorify you for you alone are holy and worthy of our worship. Amen

HYMN #286

Breathe on Me Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

If God kept track of sins, who would stand a chance? But with God there is forgiveness. May God hear our request for mercy.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of sin. We have not followed your will, but instead heed other voices and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We are so misguided that we cannot discern good from evil, making the wrong choice, choosing the wrong side. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what we have done. We pray for forgiveness so that we can live with ourselves, with others and with you. You alone can restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bob Beilfus, Liturgist

Christ offers peace to our troubled souls. Believe in the one who offers us new life. As he was raised from the dead, so shall we be raised to live with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit forever. Amen

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alex Haney

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 3:20-35 (Message)

Bob Beilfus, Lector

Jesus came home and, as usual, a crowd gathered—so many making demands on him that there wasn't even time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was believing his own press. The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumors that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story: "Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan, there soon wouldn't be any Satan left. Do you think it's possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man, and walk off with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out. "Listen to this carefully. I'm warning you. There's nothing done or said that can't be forgiven.

But if you persist in your slanders against God's Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives." He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil. Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, "Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside looking for you." Jesus responded, "Who do you think are my mother and brothers?" Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, "Right here, right in front of you—my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

ANTHEM

God Is My Shepherd

Antonin Dvorak

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows.

He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.

My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name.

And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still.

Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13– 5:1 (Message)

Nancy Dawson

We're not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote, "I believed it, so I said it," we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God's glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise! So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever. For instance, we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our "tents" again.

SERMON

Look at What Cannot Be Seen

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God;

begotten not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and He the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death, and was buried.

On the third day He rose again, in fulfillment of the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

HYMN #496

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thou art our food indeed.
Ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living Bread,
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of Christ who died.

2 Vine of heaven, thy love supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice.
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
to thy cross we look and live.
Thou our life! O let us be
rooted, grafted, built on thee.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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

PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We give out of our need to be a part of the abundance you have laid before us, O God, that you might see us sharing the love you have given us, with all we encounter. We stand present to the call you have laid on our lives, O God, that a portion of what you have given us, will enable your work in this world, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

We Are One In The Spirit
We Are One In The Lord [X2]
And We Pray That All Unity
May One Day Be Restored

Chorus:
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians
By Our Love!

We Will Walk With Each Other

We Will Walk Hand In Hand [X2]
And Together We Will Spread The News,
That God Is In Our Land (**Chorus**)
We Will Work With Each Other
We Will Work Side By Side [X2]
And We'll Guard Each Man's Dignity,
And Save Each Man's Pride. (**Chorus**)

All Praise to the Father, from whom all things come'
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (**Chorus**)

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible

arr. Smith