

# 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;  
Fourth Sunday in Lent; March 14, 2021  
Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Evers by his wife Sarah and his children.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Sally Sease

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sally Sease

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

*God So Loved the World*

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**DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by John 3:14-21)

Sally Sease, Liturgist

L: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

A: Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it! Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

L: Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

A: O give thanks to God for such unswerving love, for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN #14

### *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

#### **Refrain:**

Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession before God and each other.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-16)

Sally Sease, Liturgist

God, we confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

## CHORAL RESPONSE: HYMN#601     *Amen*

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9

Sally Sease, Lector

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### ANTHEM

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Hymn#722

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 3: 14-21

Skip Wodke

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

### SERMON

The Light in the Wilderness

Skip Wodke

### PROFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles' 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.

### HYMN #223

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.  
2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Skip Wodke

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)

Skip Wodke

Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #634

*To God Be the Glory*

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Skip Wodke

POSTLUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Mansfield

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