

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;
Fifth Sunday in Lent; March 21, 2021

Our vocalist today is Bob Beilfus.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Sam Leslie to the glory of God and in loving memory of his first soul mate, Ann Robertson Leslie.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

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

Near the Cross

arr. Ritter

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 119 9-16

Nancy Dawson, Liturgist

LEADER:

L: How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

L: I seek you with all my heart;

L: I have hidden your word in my heart

L: Praise be to you, LORD;

L: With my lips I recount all the laws

L: I rejoice in following your statutes

L: I meditate on your precepts

L: I delight in your decrees;

PEOPLE RESPOND

P: By living according to your word.

P: Do not let me stray from your commands.

P: that I might not sin against you.

P: teach me your decrees

P: that come from your mouth

P: as one rejoices in great riches.

P: and consider your ways

P: will not neglect your word.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Nancy Dawson, Liturgist

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. **Amen.**

HYMN #792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. [Refrain]

2 Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge,
he'll not refuse to lend. [Refrain]

3 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nancy Dawson, Liturgist

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51 1-12

Nancy Dawson, Liturgist

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nancy Dawson, Liturgist

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

CHORAL RESPONSE: HYMN#804

Pure in Heart

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Steve Hubbard

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Nancy Dawson, Lector

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

ANTHEM

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

Hymn #824

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

Steve Hubbard

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

The Hour Has Come

Steve Hubbard

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 #776

O God, Be Gracious

O God, be gracious; hear my prayer,
and answer when I cry.

You give me hope in my distress;
you will not pass me by.

How long, O God, will liars boast
while I am smeared with shame?

Come, set your faithful servant free;
I call upon your name!

When terror wakes me from my dreams
And shakes me through and through,

Teach me to pray with confidence
And put my trust in you,

Some fear that you will not provide;

They cry, "Show us your face!"

But you have satisfied my heart
with goodness, joy, and grace.

Now lay me down to sleep in peace;
In safety let me rest.

O god, within your loving care
I am forever blessed.

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)

As the high priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham and offered his tithe of bread and wine at your holy altar, may our gifts be made perfect through Christ to glorify you and bless the world. **Amen.**

HYMN #432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call
to live according to your word
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

3 We marvel how your saints became
in hindrances more sure:
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you:
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored, done.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God's Gracious Love

Blake

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