

# Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



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*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;  
5th Sunday in Lent; March 29, 2020

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. 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."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nancy Dawson

PRELUDE

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

arr. Held

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*L: Let us worship God for whom our souls long and our spirits seek.*

**P: We come with questions, concerns and anxiety and look to the Lord who breathes new life into us.**

*L: Come listen to God's word to us today that we may be filled with peace and joy.*

**P: Even as we shelter in place, may our spirits soar together in praise and glory to God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God, you promise that you are with us where two or three are gathered. We are joined together with you in Your Spirit and through the wonderful technology of the internet. We come because you have called us and desire to be in relationship with us. Lord, we need you now in these trying times to fill us with your love and hope. Lead us as we worship that you alone may be glorified and praised. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Seek the Lord and call upon the Savior who alone can forgive our sins and shower us with mercy and grace. For the proof of God's amazing love is this, that while we were sinners, Christ died for us and overcame the power of evil and death. Because we have faith in him, we can approach God with confidence knowing that as we confess our sins they will be forgiven. Let us pray together and then silently.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we struggle with the new normal before us. We worry about our health and the health of loved ones and friends. We are concerned about our jobs, our finances and the future. We do not like having to stay home all day and confining ourselves to short trips outdoors to run errands or work in the yard or exercise. We miss our family, friends and co-workers. Our hearts go out to those with the virus and those whose lives have been lost and we don't know what we can do. These days are hard and we are anxious and edgy. We do not like feeling helpless. Forgive us God for only seeing this health crisis from our limited perspective. Help us to remember to be still and know that you are God. AMEN

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. Know that Jesus has taken our sins upon himself and we are forgiven. Find hope and peace in God's eternal love.

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with out end. Amen, Amen.

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

Steve Hubbard

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Julie Dyke

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Clyde &amp; Sara Harkrader

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

Steve Hubbard

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.<sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

SERMON

Finding Hope

Steve Hubbard

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Nancy Dawson

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.

BENEDICTION

Steve Hubbard

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

arr. Smith

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