

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Crown Him With Many Crowns* arr. Hughes

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Session
5:45 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Picking, weeding & watering in garden

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, May 24

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home
6:00 p.m. Creative Spirit Night

Thursday, May 25

STAR Homeschool Group Book, Bake & Indoor Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Picking, weeding & watering in garden
9:30 a.m. The Comfort Table Support Group
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 26

STAR Homeschool Group Book, Bake & Indoor Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall

STAR Homeschool Group Having Sale

The Homeschool group that meets downstairs on Wednesdays will be having a Book, Bake & Indoor Yard Sale this Thursday and Friday in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 4pm. All are invited to come by and support the group.

Take Me Out To the Ballgame!

Join your Quaker family for a fun night cheering on our local baseball team on Wednesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m. We need 20 folks to get the group rate. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Buck Ford in celebration of what would have been his 97th birthday by Fran and Kent Ford.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY are Peggy Deyerle, Jane Reynolds, Anders Sunwall & Joan Woodroof.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Olivia Evans.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR MAY are Anders Sunwall & Gabe Trent.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in a basket in the Narthex for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools for worship and items to foster creativity. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, please return them to the basket.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

The Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
*PASSING OF THE PEACE Anghaarad Teague Dees
*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 *As the Deer* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP Josie Miller, Liturgist

L: Christ calls us to be light in the darkness.

P: **Voices in the wilderness and hope for the hopeless.**

L: Christ gives us strength in our weakness, peace and gentleness, words and boldness

P: **That we might proclaim Christ in the world.**

L: Let us worship Christ the head of the church together!

*OPENING PRAYER Josie Miller, Liturgist

Holy Christ, you have called us to live as your body here on earth. It is a mystery how all of us, with all our differences, with all our struggles and challenges can be one in you. Help us to live into the Body of Christ with our diversity of gifts and strengths, to remember we need one another, and to build each other up. We are the body, we are joined at the heart by Christ's love for us and our love for one another. Amen.

*HYMN #404 *What Is This Place*

CALL TO CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

May we hold one another tenderly, forgiving each other as we are forgiven, working to repair what has been broken, and to live into the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven. May we begin building this hopeful kingdom with the confession of our failings. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Josie Miller, Liturgist

Architect of the Universe, you created the expanse beyond our wildest imagination. There are stars so massive and particles so small that we can not comprehend it all. The struggle is real...our day to day living seems so overwhelming at times and yet insignificant at others. Help us remember with humility how small we really are and how capable we are. Too often we feel inadequate when confronted with the world's challenges which feel so

insurmountable. In those moments, may we recall that you know the numbers of stars in the cosmos and the number of hairs on our heads. We have the capacity to do great things in your name...help us to not despair our failings and shortcomings. May we know that through it all we can truly know your love for us in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Josie Miller, Liturgist

God fashioned us all out of stardust, the same matter that are the building blocks of the universe are in our bones and tissue. We are made out of love. We are precious in God's sight. And God forgives us. Don't ever forget that God is winking back at each of us in the eyes of one another.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made, and God loves us so. Alleluia. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *Come, Thou Almighty King (v.4)*

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-14 Bible, page 143
Josie Miller, Lector

ANTHEM *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* arr. Scott
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:16-20 Bible, page 41

SERMON GO! Anghaarad Teague Dees

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 #298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Confession of 1967

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation. Each member is entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and is subject to its advice and correction. In turn, each member, in her or his own competence, helps to guide the church.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach/Ellson

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below: Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Generous God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to love. As you call us to follow your example - to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Continue to write your law of love on our hearts. Give us an unwavering passion for justice, and a tenacious faith that will not rest until the hungry are fed, the oppressed find relief, and outsider finds a welcome. Amen.

*HYMN #313 *Lord, Make Us More Holy*