

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a beloved community what we offer you, O God here in love and hope becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing may there be enough for all. Amen.

HYMN *I'll Fly Away*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus (2x)

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

(see insert)

***POSTLUDE** *Reckless Love*

Asbury

*Please stand if able.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by the Evers' children to the glory of God and in honor of their parents, Sarah & the late John Evers.

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

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR MAY are Eric Barringer & Peggy Deyerle.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Mish Johnson.

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



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

*Welcoming All
Serving Christ
Transforming Lives*

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
Youth Sunday
May 5, 2024

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anghaarad Teague Dees
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PRELUDE

Joseph Robert, trumpet

PROCESSIONAL

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace...

Welcome to this place where we are rooted in the love of community.

Love that inspires us to take flight into the world on the wings of hope.

Love that never lets us go...God will make certain that no harm will ever befall us.

God's love assures us that we are welcome, just as we are.

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of awe and wonder and mystery and grace...

...And if the world silences our hope...wounds our hearts, or discourages our spirits, may we remember that in the beloved community we always have a place to come home and relearn to fly.

We trust that God's love will sustain us in this life wherever we may fly and will always welcome us home.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

As Sundays continue to come and go, we recognize our gratitude for the nest, our home, that you've provided for us, O God. We have also recognized the power of our wings - our ability to soar. You have given us a blessing: the safety and love of our past, as well as the opportunities of our future. Amen.

*HYMN #291 Spirit

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident of God's grace, assured of God's love and certain of God's mercy we dare to approach God with our confessions of our sins against God and one another. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. We get overwhelmed by our overfull calendars and we don't pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. We are constantly bombarded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate...sometimes even from our own mouths...we struggle to hear your whispers of hope and grace and love. We miss opportunities to share your love with others. We make promises to ourselves that we cannot keep. We fret...we worry...we forget that you lift us so that we might fly on wings of love. May we never forget that the One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name and loves us beyond measure and forgives us even when we can't seem to forgive ourselves.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord says: I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life, and give them my salvation. Beloved people of God, be at peace. Our sins are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with you

And also with you.

(Pass the "peace" as it comes to you!)

*CHORAL RESPONSE #482 *Baptized in Water*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

TIME WITH GROWN UP CHURCH

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:13-17 Bible, page 3

Joseph Robert, Lector

SPECIAL MUSIC *Still Rolling Stones* Daigle

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 91 Bible, page 674

Sophia Haupt, Lector

*HYMN #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:28-31 Bible, page 818

Allie Wood, Lector

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Class of 2024

(Elizabeth Plucker, Sarah Robert, Lily Wood)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from a poem by Madeleine L'Engle)

God did not wait till the world was ready, till nations were at peace.

God came when the Heavens were unsteady & prisoners cried out for release.

God did not wait for the perfect time. God came when the need was deep & great.

God dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine.

God did not wait till hearts were pure.

In joy God came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame, God came & God's Light would not go out.

God came to a world which did not mesh; to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

In the mystery of the Word made Flesh, the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice,

For to share our grief, to touch our pain, God came with Love:

Rejoice! Rejoice!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lift Me Up* Rihanna

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*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.