

# 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;  
Day of Pentecost; May 23, 2021  
*Our Vocalist is Gail Midkiff.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God with loving thoughts of Bob Power by Angie, Scott, Stephen and Nicole.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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."*

PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease, Liturgist

*L: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.*

*P: The Spirit of God moves through us, making us channels of God's love.*

*L: The Spirit of God moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.*

*P: The Spirit of God moves upon us, giving us good and varied gifts to use for the building up of God's church.*

*ALL: Praise be to God for the gift of God's Spirit!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Gracious God, you come among your people as One who fashioned all things, who, face-to-face, revealed your knowledge of our lives, and whose presence brings assurance and hope. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, we may know the way to live in thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## HYMN #279

### *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

2 In vain we tune our formal songs;  
in vain we strive to rise;  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

3 Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
at this poor dying rate?

Our love so faint, so cold to thee,  
and thine to us so great!

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God,. Transform our timid lives by the Power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Sease, Liturgist

People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon us, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, and by the authority of the church, I declare to all the complete forgiveness of our sin. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

## CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #288

### *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Dawson

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sally Sease, Lector

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 round 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, 'Prophesy 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.'

## ANTHEM

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

Hymn #285

1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,  
like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush,  
like the new flame's eager might:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

2 To the members of Christ's body,  
to the branches of the Vine,  
to the church in faith assembled,

to our midst as gift and sign:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 With the healing of division,  
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,  
with the power to love and witness,  
with the peace beyond compare:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## SERMON

Transformation

Nancy Dawson

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## HYMN #291

### *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings."

2 You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded  
with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets

to open their eyes.

3 You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind.

4 You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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)

With many voices we praise you, O God. In different ways we serve you. Out of thanksgiving for your love and your grace we worship you with the bounty we have received. May our offerings and our lives give witnesses to rebirth and renewal through the power of your Spirit at work within us. AMEN

## HYMN #289

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day  
 A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
 A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air  
 And tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
 To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 What universal message, what great good news was here?  
 That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
 On women, men and children who would God's grace receive.  
 That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power  
 The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
 Rekindled faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
 O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise  
 So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

## BENEDICTION

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## POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Birchwood)

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