

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 Easter; May 2, 2021
Our Vocalist is Helen Ford.

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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Benjamin

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease, Liturgist

L: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard.

P: We come to make a joyful noise unto the Lord and sing praises to the glory of God's name.

L: Come and see what God has done; be awed by God's power and great deeds.

P: We worship you, O holy God, and give you glorious praise.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.	robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.	Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.
2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,	3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter;	4 Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

O God, whose ways are not our ways, we confess that we have ignored your commandments. We have chosen our own standards instead of seeking your ultimate good. We have substituted our illusions for your truth. Our words and actions have hurt others and turned us from you. Forgive us, merciful God, and help us to do your will.

AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Sease Liturgist

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #645 vs. 1 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,
and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Nancy Dawson

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 John 3:16-24 (The Message)

Sally Sease, Lector

This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear. My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves. And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us. And this is how we experience his deep and abiding presence in us: by the Spirit he gave us.

ANTHEM*The Lord is My Light*

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The Lord is my light, and my salvation.
 Whom, then, shall I fear? Whom, then, shall I fear?
 The Lord is the strength of my life.
 The Lord is the strength of my life.
 Of whom, then, shall I be afraid?
 Though a host of men were laid against me,
 yet shall not my heart be afraid.
 And though there 'rose up war against me,
 yet will I put my trust in Him.

For, in the time of trouble,
 He shall hide me in His tabernacle,
 Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling, shall He hide me,
 and set me up upon a rock of stone.
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SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-12

Nancy Dawson

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

SERMON

Beloved

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Hymnal, page 35

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 #286*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
 fill me with life anew,
 that I may love what thou dost love,
 and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 until my heart is pure,
 until with thee I will one will,
 to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine,
 until this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKE OF THE ELEMENTS AS DIRECTED

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We come with assurance, O God, that you do not leave us alone. Your presence continues to guide us as we walk the path of discipleship. All that we have is a gift of your grace. As we offer our gifts to you, accept them as signs of our commitment to Christ. May all that we do in be praise of you. AMEN

HYMN #366

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;

let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

The Lord Reigneth!

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