

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;
18th Sunday after Pentecost; October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
Our vocalist today is Helen Ford.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by the Lockridge family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert S. Lockridge, Sr. and Henrietta B. Lockridge.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Nancy Dawson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you"*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Broughton

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God

P: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

L: The Law of the Lord is perfect reviving the soul,

P: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple

L: The Precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart;

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold,

L: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord and listen to God's decrees and precepts.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

God of majesty, Christ of humility, Spirit of unanimity, no one can boast in your presence. We may not be wise by human standards, powerful in society, or noble in birthright, but we come to you in Christ, who is our wisdom, our virtue, our redeemer, who alone is the one in whom we boast. Amen

HYMN #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 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!

2 What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away,
but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION

, Liturgist

The law was given to show us how to live. It was given to show us how far short we fall from the commandments of God. It was given to show us the grace that is our through Jesus the Christ who died for us and rose again to reign for all eternity. Let us humbly approach the throne of grace and confess our sins to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the law, Christ of the cross, Spirit of purity, we confess that we have broken your commandments, ignored your will and compromised the simplicity of the faith. We are too ready to choose our favorite commandments and to ignore the others to minimize our guilt. Forgive our self-righteousness that ignores the need for the sacrifice of Christ for our sins and the cleansing of the Spirit for our holiness. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! God is not only lawgiver by redeemer and will cleanse us from all sin. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Choral Response Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

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 without end. Amen, amen.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4; 7-9; 12-20

Gail Midkiff, Lector

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn #525

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4 – 14

Nancy Dawson

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

Law and Grace

Nancy Dawson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 #504

We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken;
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

2 We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

3 One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine:
renewed, sustained, and given
by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

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 OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

All praise and honor be unto you, O God, for your faithfulness throughout the ages. We could offer you nothing were it not for Christ our redeemer. We could not walk obediently without your Holy Spirit to guide us. We could not bring you our offerings except for your grace. We are yours, blessed God. Use us and these gifts to do your will. Amen

HYMN #846

Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

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