

The Service for the Lord’s Day
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026

The liturgy and music this morning are from the prayers and writings of many of the great reformers including John Calvin, Marguerite Porete, Ulrich Zwingli, Martin Bucer, John Knox, Martin Luther, Argula von Grumbach, and Zacharias Ursinus.

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees

THE BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

On behalf of all clans represented here, we raise these tartans or other symbols of our families before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray for God’s blessing on God’s servant people in all lands.

Eternal God, bless the symbols of heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

We proclaim that we are all united in the covenant of Jesus Christ for there is but one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all.

Might we love one another and in doing, serve and honor you. Bless us, O God, as we seek to be faithful disciples of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To all gathered here this day, may the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***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.”

PROCESSIONAL *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* Webb
Roy Knighting, bagpipes

ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees

MOMENTS OF GRATITUDE Kent Ford

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Marguerite Porete) Amanda Stanbery, Liturgist

First, that we should love God with our whole heart—that is to say that our thoughts should always be directed towards God

And with our whole soul, that is that we should say nothing but what is true

And with our whole strength, that is that we should perform all our works solely for God

And we should love ourselves as we ought, that is that doing so we should not look to our advantage but to the perfect will of God

And we should love our neighbors as ourselves, that is that we should not do or think or say towards neighbors anything we would not wish them to do to us.

These precepts are necessary to all for their salvation, by no lesser manner of life can anyone have grace.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Ulrich Zwingli) Amanda Stanbery, Liturgist

Living God, help us hear your holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, Seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (Argula von Grumbach) Amanda Stanbery, Liturgist

The Gospel declares: “I am the light that has come into the world, that none who believe in me should abide in darkness.” It is my heartfelt wish that this light should dwell in all of us and shine upon all callous and blinded hearts.

As people of light, let us pray together the Prayer of Confession:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Reformed Church of Zurich) Amanda Stanbery, Liturgist

Merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed Your commandments and are worthy of your anger. But, Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us. Forgive us our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, Jesus, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruit of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Heidelberg Catechism) Amanda Stanbery, Liturgist

What is your only comfort in life and in death? **That I am not my own but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to life for him.**

My friends, we are forgiven in Christ.

Thanks be to God!

***CHORAL RESPONSE #394** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (v.4)*

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

TIME WITH CHILDREN Alicia DeWever

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 Bible, page 602
Amanda Stanbery, Lector

ANTHEM *Built On a Rock* arr. Wyton
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:24-46 Bible, page 30

SERMON Sola Gracias Anghaarad Teague Dees

***HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(a litany from all of the Confessions from the Book of Confession)

One We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

ALL **We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.**

One We believe that, we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Choir *We believe that, all things are governed by the Providence of God.*

ALL **We believe that, the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.**

One We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

ALL **We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.**

One The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

ALL **We believe that, the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.**

Women *We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.*

Men We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ.

Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

ALL **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.

A BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

All families present in worship this morning are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You can bring forward your nuclear family or your claimed family. For our families joining us at home you can list your family names in the chat window for a blessing.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY My Faith Looks Up To Thee arr. 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 (John Calvin)
O let us remember thy charge and call. Let us consecrate ourselves to your service and so present to you our effort and our labor. May your name really be glorified in us and may our ingrafting into the Body of your only Son be truly evident. As he is the chief and sole and eternal Priest, grant us to become participants in the priesthood with which your have chosen to honor him, so that he may take us as his own associates. Thus may your name perpetually be praised by the entire body as well as by its Head. Amen.

*HYMN #649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Balmoral Bruce
Roy Knighting, bagpipes

*Please stand if able.

There is a Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship today.
Please join us!

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Josie and Sam Miller and dedicated in loving honor of their granddaughter Michaels's 16th birthday.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER are Kent Ford & Larry Epperson.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER are Alicia DeWever, Luci DeWever, Hunt Evans & Janet LaPrade.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Cora DeWever.

OUR BEADLE TODAY is Zane Dees.

OUR BEARER OF THE WORD TODAY is Joseph Robert.

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.

ONLINE GIVING now available! Scan this QR code or click the “Give Now” button on the front page of our website to go directly to our giving page.



QMPC Staff

Pastor: Rev. Anghaarad Teague Dees
Email: anghaarad@qmpc.org
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Phone: 239-2548 Fax: 239-6071
e-mail: office@qmpc.org; www.qmpc.org

Parish Associate	Richard Goodman	Organist / Adult Choir Director	Rose Peak
Office Administrator	Deborah Ashworth	Youth Choir Director	Casey Wood
Bookkeeper	Sheryl Kesselring	Children’s Choir Director	Savannah Sorrels
Treasurer	Sara Curtis		



Grounded in Gratitude

Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith,
and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were
taught. Colossians 2:7

Stewardship 2026

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.

"Through your generosity in time, talent and treasure it makes our ministry possible." Kent Ford