

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

STORY OF STEWARDSHIP

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 thy service and so present to thee our effort and our labor. May thy name really be glorified in us and may our ingrafting into the Body of thine 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 thou hast chosen to honor him, so that he may take us as his own associates. Thus may thy 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** Highland Cathedral
Roy Knighting, bagpipes

***Please stand if able.**

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Josie and Sam Miller and dedicated in loving honor of their granddaughter Michaela’s 15th birthday.
ELDERS ON DUTY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER are Peggy Deyerle & Raye Reynolds.
OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER are Larry Bowers, Hunt Evans, Janet LaPrade & Skip Wodke.
OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Harper Stanbery.
OUR ACOLYTE FOR KIRKIN TODAY is Joseph Robert.
OUR BEADLE TODAY is Casey Wood.
OUR BEARER OF THE WORD TODAY is Zane Dees.
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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*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
Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025

The liturgy and music this morning are from the prayers and writings of many of the great reformers including: John Calvin, Marguarite of Navarre, Ulrich Zwingli, Martin Bucer, John Knox, and Zacharias Ursinus.

WELCOME Anghaarad Teague Dees
ANNOUNCEMENTS Anghaarad Teague Dees
*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.”*

PRELUDE *Hector the Hero*
Roy Knighting, bagpipes

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Skip Wodke, Liturgist
(it is said that John Calvin always opened worship with Psalm 124.8)
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!
Our help is in God’s name, the One who calls us here.
We come with songs of praise, with prayers too deep for words.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Ulrich Zwingli) Skip Wodke, 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 #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*CALL TO CONFESSION (Reformed Church of Zurich) Skip Wodke, Liturgist
We acknowledge and confess before God’s divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We pray that God’s grace may bring help to our distress. Let us pray together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Martin Luther) Skip Wodke, Liturgist
Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.
Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy.

Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted.
Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Skip Wodke, 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.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #258 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (v. 5)*

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2:23-32 Bible, page 1038
Skip Wodke, Lector

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 Bible, page 99

SERMON O Wretched Sinner That I Am Anghaarad Teague Dees

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

*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.