

The Service for the Lord’s Day
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

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 *Blest Be the Tie* arr. Wells

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Josie Miller, Liturgist
The Lord our God calls us to worship this day.
Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Across human boundaries...across denominations...across oceans, God is calling us to worship.
Lord, we have come to worship old and young, rich and poor, happy and discontented, at peace and restless, more or less full of faith, we come.

***OPENING PRAYER** Josie Miller, Liturgist
Holy God, we gather at the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. We come together around the table we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing...so we come just as we are. We come and remember that you are with us. Alleluia, Amen.

***HYMN #327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Josie Miller, Liturgist
As we prepare to gather at the table, we are mindful that we do not always come with clean hands and hearts. We come carrying the burdens of our inadequacies, of our shortcomings, of our sinfulness. Let us stand before God, with our hearts and hands open as we seek his forgiveness:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Josie Miller, Liturgist
God of the Nations, we stand apart from you...we stand apart from each other. We stand with our tribe, hiding behind walls, throwing stones and hurling insults. Our divisions dishonor you. Our thoughtless harm we do to others, causes you to weep. Forgive us. Make us your children, grateful for a place at your feast, humble before your love and generosity,. May we rejoice in the beauty of each sibling. May we heal not harm. May we welcome not cast out. May we love not hate. May we remember that your saving embraces is drawing us to you and each other. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Josie Miller, Liturgist
Siblings in Christ, nothing can stand between you and the love of God...no sin, no death, no prejudice, no injustice, no division. So stand tall this day, the Lord forgives you and calls you beloved.
God has made us whole and holy with mercy and grace. May we stand together in this unrelenting hope! Alleluia! Amen!

***CHORAL RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
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World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 19 Bible, page 613
Josie Miller, Lector

ANTHEM *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Courtney
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 Bible, page 136

SERMON The World May Know Anghaarad Teague Dees

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community**
We believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus to reconcile and to make all things new.
We trust God, who calls us to be the church;
to love and serve others, to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead and risen; our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us:
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

***HYMN #530** *One Bread, One Body*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Lord be with you
And also with you

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Bread of Heaven* Jordan

***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 (in unison)**
We praise you God, for you call us to imagine and believe that another world is possible. You call us into covenant with one another from different walks of life and from every corner of the Earth. Remind us, O God, that you intend for the earth to be free from hunger, poverty, violence and oppression. May our gifts bring hope and wholeness to our neighbors. May we be emboldened to imagine and believe that your vision for a different world is possible. Amen.

***HYMN #749** *We Are Called*

DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Blake

***Please stand if able.**

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Worship & Congregational meeting

Monday, October 5

10:00 a.m. Art Class

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Garden picking & maintenance

9:00 a.m. Online Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Prayer for Church Family at Home

Thursday, October 8

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Garden picking & maintenance

Congregational Meeting today

There will be a short Congregational meeting today Sunday immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee.

Peanut Butter Time

We are collecting jars of peanut butter this month for the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Any type of nut butters will be accepted. Let's keep feeding our neighbors!

2026 Advent Devotional

This Advent Season everyone is to be a part of our Advent Devotional. Using the Daily Lectionary or Beloved Christmas Carols as a guide, we are asking everyone to write a 500 word or less reflection for a devotional book. We are also asking everyone to include a brief prayer at the end of your reflection. All entries must b turned into the office by October 28 to give us time to edit and publish the booklet. This should be a fun tradition for our Quaker family. Sign up in the Narthex today. Ther are still some available days so sign up today on the narthex table.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given in glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Leigh Caulkins by her family.

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 LePrade.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Hannah Perkins.

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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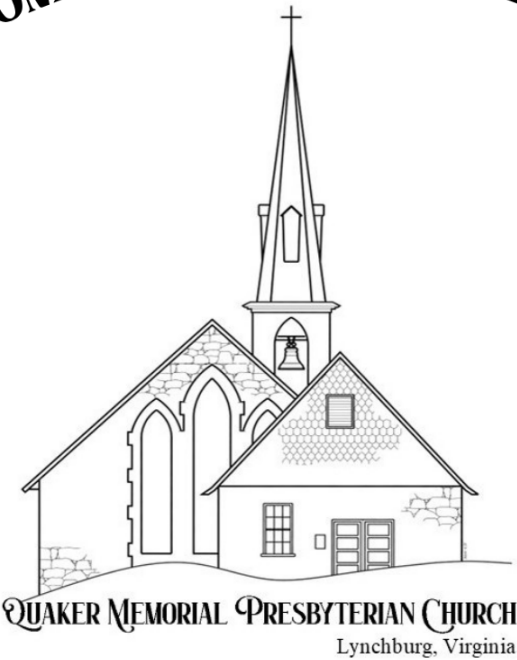
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WELCOMING ALL, SERVING CHRIST



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