

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;
20th Sunday after Pentecost; October 10, 2021
Our Vocalist is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Leigh Caulkins given by her family.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Dawson

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

My Story, My Song

arr. Mansfield

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

L: O Give Thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

P: We remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered.

L: Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord. Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

P: Praise the Lord!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and our concerns, our thanksgivings and our requests. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words and thoughts, our songs and our tears. In the name of the one who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

***HYMN #408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord
Chorus:
Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us Filling us with Your love

And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise
Without a doubt we'll know That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place
There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe
You're the one to profit when you say
I am going to walk with Jesus all the way - **Chorus**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

O God, when we face trials, it is natural to fear. But even in our fear you call us to trust in you. There are times, O Lord, when you ask us to take risks but, our faith is lacking and we become complacent. Forgive us, O God. Help us to remember that you are a God to be trusted. Help us to step out in faith. AMEN

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Steve Hubbard, Liturgist

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and receive mercy and grace in our time of need. In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.

***CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #647**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"

Let the poor say, "We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks.
Give thanks.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Steve Hubbard

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 14:13-21

Steve Hubbard, Lector

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till traveling days are done.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Nancy Dawson

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON

Transforming Lives: Look And See What God Has Done

Nancy Dawson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and
 became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

***HYMN #267**

Come Christian Join to Sing

1 Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

The offerings we bring are the blessings from your hand. The talents we offer are the gifts of your love. Help us to go forth to serve you wherever Christ calls. Use us and these gifts to transform lives into Christ's image.

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!

BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Broughton

Please remain seated during the postlude.

NOTE: The Fellowship Committee will host a reception for Pastor Nancy today right after worship. Please plan to stay for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

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