

# 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;  
October 31, 2021; Reformation Sunday

The liturgy this morning is from the prayers and writings of many of the great Reformers including John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli, Martin Luther, John Knox, Martin Bucer and Zacharius Ursinus.

*Our Vocalist is Michael Whorley.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Sam & Josie Miller to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter, Michaela Sweeney, on her 11th birthday.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Anghaarad Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Ellson

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

L: God of Sarah and Hagar,

P: We praise you for protecting and guiding us.

L: God of Moses and Miriam,

P: We thank you for liberating your children from oppression.

L: God of Peter and Paul,

P: We bless you even in the midst of conflict.

L: God of Hildegard and Julian,

P: We glory in your tangible presence among us.

L: God of Luther and Calvin,

P: We rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.

L: Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

P: Holy God, we welcome you to this place today!

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (Martin Luther)

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Dear God, let your Word shine in our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Make it so bright and warm that we always find our comfort and joy in it. Amen.

**\*HYMN #624**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

1 I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
2 Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in every place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
3 Thou art the life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;

sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
and give us strength in every trying hour.  
4 Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness;  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness.  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
that we may dwell in perfect unity.  
5 Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,  
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** (Martin Bucer)

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me (their) sin and iniquity: Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto you our sins together.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (John Calvin)

Skip Wodke, Liturgist

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Heidelberg Catechism) (Bold in unison)

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** Hymn #806 *I'll Praise My Maker* (Psalm 146)

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past  
while life and thought and being last,  
or immortality endures.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Skip Wodke

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Hebrews 9:11-14

Skip Wodke, Lector

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

### ANTHEM

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymn #260

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."  
3 Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.  
4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Ulrich Zwingli)

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.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

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One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbor as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### SERMON

The First Lessons

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** from the Scot's Confession (John Knox)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

**\*HYMN #63**

*The Lord is God*

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise to God  
The maker of all things and giver of our days.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,  
O children, take these holy words  
And keep them in your heart.

With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God,  
the source of truth and light.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone!  
Give honor, thanks, and praise to God,  
the maker of all things and giver of our days/

**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) (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. Amen.

**\*HYMN #275**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing.  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great,  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he.  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God, continued*

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him.  
His rage we can endure,  
for lo, his doom is sure.  
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also.  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

**BENEDICTION**

Anghaarad Dees

**POSTLUDE**

*Built on a Rock*

arr. Broughton

Please remain seated during the postlude.

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