

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;
17th Sunday after Pentecost; September 27, 2020
Our vocalist today is Gerald Doyle.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Rev. Nancy Dawson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

As you are seated, the right side of the sanctuary will turn to the left side of the sanctuary and
share the ancient words of the church: *"the peace of Christ be with you "*

Then the left side of the sanctuary will turn while seated and respond: *"And also with you."*

PRELUDE

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

arr. Young

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: Come into the presence of Almighty God who looks upon us with compassion and favor.

P: **We come to praise God's great and wonderful name.**

L: God is at work in us and in all people; God's glory surrounds us day by day.

P: **Let our minds be shaped by the mind of Christ and our service follow the patterns Jesus taught.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, we thank you for being ever present with us. We know that we are never alone. Your mercies have been faithful and rich. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we might do the work of your will. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN #626

As the Deer

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Our faith tells us that God will have mercy as we make our confession. God's love has provided forgiveness through God's son, Jesus the Christ. And so we rely on Jesus to represent us. He is our strength and the one who redeems. Hear now our prayers first together then silently. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, as we see ourselves in the mirror of Christ, we realize that we deserve your wrath, not your forgiveness. We have gone our own ways following your will only when it suited us. We have been selfish in our relationships with others. We need the love and the grace you offer through our Lord Jesus Christ, AMEN.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Love of God was made manifest among us, in that God sent Jesus into the world, so that we might live through Christ. As we receive the assurance of new life in Christ, let us also love one another.

Choral Response Hymn #613

O Lord, Our Lord

- Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. ○ earth
- Lord, we praise your name.
- Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
- Lord God Almighty

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Sally Sease, Lector

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-27

Nancy Dawson

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

SERMON

Thirst for Faith

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 #614

Great Are You, Lord

Great are you, Lord:

You are holy and just;

By your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord:

You are faithful and true;

By your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you, Lord and worthy of glory!

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord.

We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:

Great are you, Lord!

Great are you, Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 OF THE OFFERING (UNISON)

We come as your church, O God, to serve those who need to hear and know of your love for them. You have blessed us with skills and abilities to use. You have given us time to share. Bless us and these gifts as we seek to do your will. AMEN

HYMN #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,
 call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
 which the morning stars began.
 Love divine is reigning o'er us,
 joining all in heaven's plan.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife.
 Joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

arr. Birchwood



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