DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Fight the Good Fight arr. Wells

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT QUAKER:

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Session

5:15 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off

Monday, September25

8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

10:00 a.m. Coffee with Pastor at First Watch

Tuesday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesday, September 27

STAR Homeschool Group meets downstairs

11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer

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

Thursday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Garden maintenance

10:00 a.m. Comfort Table Support Grou;p

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Youth Kick-Off This Evening

The fun will begin at 5:15 p.m. Bring your calendars and ideas. Youth, parents and leadership will build our calendar for the year together.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by the Eubank and Harman families to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lucille & Ed Austin and Dorothy & Leland Eubank.

OUR ACOLYTE TODAY is Grace Jacob.

OUR USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER are Peggy Deyerle, Jane Reynolds, Anders Sunwall, and Joan Woodroof.

OUR ELDERS ON DUTY FOR SEPTEMBER are Stanley Miller and Gracie Lanier.

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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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcoming All Serving Christ Transforming Lives

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.

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023

WELCOME

Anghaarad Teague Dees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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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 To God Be the Glory arr. Davis

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease, Liturgist

- L: Into a world that tells us that there is never enough...never enough time, money, resources, opportunities. . .
- P: Enough!
- L: Into a world that thrives on the myth of scarcity. That thrills at our fear that we may run out of time, patience, compassion, stuff. . .
- P: Enough!
- L: Enough of scarcity, enough of fear, enough of never enough!
- P: For our God is a mighty God, a God of abundance, a God of enough!
- L: We come to worship, recognizing that we need this reminder.
- P: We are the beloved Children of God...we are who we are because of who God is.
- L: That is enough.
- P: God provides and yes, that is enough!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease. Liturgist

Holy One, we are called into this place and this space for this reminder that you are here. You are present in a world where lives are turned upside down...uncertainty is a reality...things happen beyond our control and many of us find ourselves overworked and overwrought. But you, O God are a God of mercy, love, justice, rest and for that we give thanks...because of you miracles happen every day. Remind us, that you know us, claim us, love us and save us...call us into this place and this space to remember you are always with us. Amen.

*HYMN #396 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

As we dare to approach the throne of grace, do not believe the hype of a judgmental, wrathful God. Instead believe in the power of an all-loving, merciful, and forgiving God who desires justice, and know that mercy and forgiveness are gifts to all of us. Let us confess our sin to our God who loves us and longs for our restoration:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that it is easier for us to be complainers instead of activists. We find ourselves jealous and angry about the unfairness we experience rather than concerned that our neighbors might not have their basic needs met. We would rather complain about what we don't have instead of appreciating what we do have. Call us to the work of compassion...the work of mercy...the work of justice...to love our neighbors and to care for strangers. Help us remember that when we care for the needs of others, our own needs will be met. Remind us that we interconnected to one another, that none of us are truly alone. Everyday you call us to be a part of your beloved community, may we heed the call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sally Sease, Liturgist

God's steadfast love endures forever. God is full of compassion and mercy for all of us. God desires repentance and restoration...despite our complaining, despite our shortcomings, despite our selfishness...we are forgiven and loved always by God. Go and share this good news!

In Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE Sing Glory to the Name of God (v.1)

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad.

Alleluia. alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Skip Wodke

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 1:21-30 Bible, page 240

Sally Sease, Lector

ANTHEM Jesus, Be With Us Gambrell

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-15

Bible, page 78

SERMON

Stiff-Necked People

Anghaarad Teague Dees

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.

HYMN #656

We've Come This Far by Faith (Sing 4 times, Choir will sing through first time)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified. dead. and buried:

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

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 (in unison)

Blessed are you O God and blessed is your Son, Jesus, we give you thanks for all the ways in which you have blessed us and provided for our most basic needs. God, take these gifts we have offered today and may they help provide for others and provide opportunities for lives to be changed. May we remember that even when it feels like that there scarcity all around, there is more than enough for all your people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #548

May God Support You All Your Days