

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER ALL ARE SERVED

**DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**      *Offertory on "Forest Green"*      arr. Ellson

2 Cents a Meal Offering

**\*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)**

God, just as you called Moses so long ago, so you call each of us to speak and act on your behalf in our world today. Even when we are hesitant to follow you, give us the courage needed to step out in faith to go where you send us, trusting that you go with us and will provide all that is needed. And so these gifts we bring, we offer them as tokens of our commitment to you and the work of your Kingdom. Amen.

**HYMN #331**      *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

**DISCIPLES DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *The Glory of God in Nature*      arr. Ellson

\*Please stand if able.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of Les Woodie, Mary Woodie's husband.

**OUR ACOLYTE TODAY** is Olivia Evans.

**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.

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# Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



*Welcoming All  
Serving Christ  
Transforming Lives*



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***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  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2023

WELCOME Richard Goodman  
ANNOUNCEMENTS Richard Goodman  
\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Richard Goodman  
*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 *Holy Ground* arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
L: God calls us from a burning bush.  
P: **We are standing on holy ground!**  
L: The Spirit calls us to proclaim God's name to all generations.  
P: **We are standing on holy ground!**  
L: Jesus calls us from the cross: come and follow me.  
P: **We are standing on holy ground!**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
God declares, "I AM WHO I AM." The God of our ancestors is with us today. God is our God, from generation to generation. Let us worship God on this holy ground. Alleluia. Amen.

\*HYMN #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
As the people of God we have been called to love God and neighbor...but too often we stray far from this calling and struggle to be who God wants us to be. But God is never far from us, God is loving and ready to hear our confession so that we might draw nearer to God and live into our calling.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
So far, O God - we are so far from what you have called us to be. We are eaten up with judgement and self-righteousness. We are buried in selfishness, ego and pride. We stand idly by as our world is full of violence and vitriol. We allow some to go without while others have more than enough. We are silent when we should be speaking a word of peace. We are so very far from who you created us to be...so very far. We know that we must pursue your way, we must speak hope, show love and work against injustice. Help us, save us,

forgive us, make us new so that in the days ahead we will no longer be so very far from you. Amen.

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Elizabeth Plucker, Liturgist  
God is never far from us...even when we stray far from God. God keeps pursuing us and calling us back to the work of the Kingdom. The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us. God has promised to be with us, always.  
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!  
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!

CHILDREN'S SERMON Richard Goodman

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28 Bible, page 22  
Elizabeth Plucker, Lector

ANTHEM *Panis Angelicus* Franck  
Helen Ford, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15 Bible, page 62

SERMON Richard Goodman

\*HYMN *Here Am I, Oh Lord, Send Me*  
*(Traditional, adapted from the singing of Mississippi John Hurt)*

*Refrain*

Here am I, Lord, send me,  
Here am I, Lord, send me  
Here am I, Lord, send me  
Here am I, O Lord, send me.

Don't you hear my savior calling?  
"Who will go and work today?  
"Fields are ripe, and the harvest waiting -  
"Who will go bear those sheaves away?"

*Refrain*

If you can not speak like Peter  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
Well you can tell the love of Jesus -  
You can say he died for us all.

*Refrain*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father,  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
In accordance to the Scriptures, he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead;  
And his kingdom shall have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.