

# 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;  
16th Sunday after Pentecost; September 12, 2021  
*Our Vocalist is Helen Ford.*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS this Sunday are given in glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn Womack's parents, Thomas W. & Madeline R. Cyrus, Carolyn's brother Bruce Cyrus and Reuben Womack's parents, James & Josephine Womack.

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

*We Worship and Adore You*

arr. Doran

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech and night to night declares his knowledge.

L: *There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard*

P: Their silence fills the earth; unspoken truth is everywhere.

Unison: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock  
and our redeemer. Amen

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.

**\*HYMN #267**

*Come Christians 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!

to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;

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!

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Let us use our voices to declare those things we have said and done that have separated us from God, and from each other, that we may experience God's mercy and receive God's forgiveness.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have done, and guide us in what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. In Jesus' name, Amen

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Gerald Doyle, Liturgist

The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN#694 vs. 3 *Great God of Every Blessing***

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
Transforming broken people into a holy church.  
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart  
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Julia Bryan

## DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE READING:

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### ANTHEM

*In the Mornin'*

Ives

In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

(Refrain:)

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,  
you may have all this world, but give me Jesus!

'Twi'x the cradle and the grave,  
'twixt the cradle and the grave,  
'twixt the cradle and the grave, give me Jesus.

(Refrain:)

### SERMON

God at the Helm

Nancy Dawson

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle's 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.

### \*HYMN #722 vs. 1-3

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone.

As you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children, lost and lone.

2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
your hungering ones with manna sweet.

3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious truths which you impart.  
And wing my words that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

## DESCRIPTION OF FALL CLASSES

- Fellowship Class: (Postponed) Teachers – Kaye Lipscomb and Reuben Womack (additional teachers are welcome) will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Cokesbury Adult SS is the curriculum used.
- Feasting on the Word Class (formerly known as Moseley Chapel Class): Teachers- Bob Lockridge, David Gellert, and David Webb, Sr. (additional teachers are welcome) will meet in the Moseley Chapel and on Zoom using our new virtual/ in person mobile classroom. Feasting on the Word discussion material is used. **NOTE: This class will start September 19.** (teachers are out of town on 9/12)
- Senior High Class- Senior High Room – Teacher: Skip Wodke, Discussing how Scripture speaks to current issues.
- Junior High Room: Junior High Room – Teacher: Alex Haney, Discussing contemporary issues.
- Elementary School Grades 2-5 -Teacher: Michelle Lee
- Pre-K through 1st grade – Teacher: Grace Lanier

## COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 28: 18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### QUESTIONS TO THE TEACHERS

*Minister: In response to God's call to go and make disciples and to teach, do you, the teachers of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church commit yourselves again this year to share the joy of loving Christ as you teach the good news of God's love and hope, grace and peace with adults, youth and children?*

**Teachers: We do.**

*Minister: Will you do this with energy, imagination and love?*

**Teachers: We will with God's help.**

*Minister: Do you promise to faithfully study God's Word for your own spiritual growth that you may be empowered and sustained for the task ahead?*

**Teachers: We do.**

### QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

*Minister: All of us are called to study God's Word and to serve, whether up front as teachers or behind the scenes providing support and assistance. Do you promise your support and participation in the Educational Ministries here at Quaker Memorial?*

**Congregation: We commit ourselves to support our teachers through our prayers, through our participation and through our friendship as we strive together to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ.**

### UNISON PRAYER:

Gracious God, we thank you for brothers and sisters who, in faith, respond to your call to teach your Good News of grace and truth. We thank you that you have gifted them in various ways so that others may know your love. We thank you also that you create in us a hunger to know you and your word for our lives. Fill us with your Spirit that we may share with others the joy of loving Christ and welcome all into God's family. **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)

You have blessed us, O Lord, by your mercy and grace and your love fills our lives with all that is good. We worship you and give thanks for our new life in Christ and the privilege of sharing with others. May all that we are and all that we have be used to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen

### \*HYMN #722 vs. 4-5

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as you will, and when, and where  
until your blessed face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

### BENEDICTION

Nancy Dawson

### POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Father*

Gounod/Wells

Please remain seated during the postlude.

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