

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;
18th Sunday after Pentecost; September 26, 2021
Our Vocalists are Jim Glass & Gail Midkiff.

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.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

Nancy Dawson

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

The Penitent Heart

Curtis

DISCIPLES GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sally Sease, Liturgist

L: God calls us together for worship.

P: Open our eyes to the splendor of your glory, O Lord.

L: God deserves our praise and adoration.

P: Open our hearts to worship and serve only you.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Sally Sease, Liturgist

God of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and the intelligence she needed to save her people. Help us to believe that you are still present and active in this world and that your grace remains as an everlasting force in our lives. In Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*Please stand.

***HYMN #401**

Here in This Place

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

Merciful God, you have called us as one among many of your children. Yet we compare ourselves to others and label those who are different. We focus on our own needs and ignore the work of your kingdom. We forget our commission and deny your authority in our lives. Forgive us, O God, for those times when we do not live in love with others. Heal the damage that it causes and help us to live as you intended. Amen

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sally Sease, Liturgist

My brothers and my sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Savior. You can live in peace.

***CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #610 vs. 5 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alex Haney

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

James 5:13-16

Sally Sease, Lector

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

ANTHEM

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Hymn #470

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts
for love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom,
for mercy, hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief,
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

2. For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort, hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear,
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

3. For healing, for wholeness,
for new life, hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death,
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

4. Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.

We call you, we wait,
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50

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John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

SERMON

Ins and Outs

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory
be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN #693**

Though I May Speak

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,

but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.
3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

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)

All praise and honor be unto you, O God, for your faithfulness throughout the ages. We could offer you nothing were it not for Christ our redeemer. We could not walk obediently without your Holy Spirit to guide us. We could not bring you our offerings except for your grace. We are yours, blessed God. Use us and these gifts to do your will. Amen

***HYMN #300**

We are One in the Spirit

We Are One In The Spirit
We Are One In The Lord [2]
And We Pray That All Unity May One Day Be Restored
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love!

And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love!

We Will Walk With Each Other
We Will Walk Hand In Hand [2]
And Together We Will Spread The News,
That God Is In Our Land

We Will Work With Each Other
We Will Work Side By Side [2]
And We'll Guard Each Man's Dignity,
And Save Each Man's Pride.
And They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love, By Our Love;
Yes, They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love!

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven/Wells

Please remain seated during the postlude.

NOTE: The Fellowship Committee will host a reception for Pastor Nancy on Sunday, October 10 right after worship. Please plan to stay for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

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