

MARQUAND READER

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Quaker-Inspired, Spirit-Led Worship

On Wednesday March 2 our worship together will be inspired by the Quaker movement, also known as the Society of Friends.

Quaker worship happens when two or more people feel the need to be still together and seek God's presence, which can happen anywhere and anytime. In attentive waiting together in silence, Friends can find peace of mind and a renewed sense of purpose for living and joy in wonder at God's creation.

Silence is greatly valued by Friends. In removing pressure and hurry, it helps them to be aware of the inner and deeper meaning of their individual and corporate lives. It enables them to begin to accept themselves as they are and to find some release from fear, anxiety, emotional confusion

and selfishness. External sounds are not distractions. They are absorbed, often unconsciously, as Friends try to be open to that of God within.

The seating for a meeting for worship is usually arranged in a circle or a square to help people to be aware of one another, to be conscious of the fact that they are worshipping together. Those present settle quietly, and by corporately seeking God's will, become open to one another. This may happen quickly, or it may take most of the meeting.

The silence is different from that experienced in traditional, solitary meditation, which normally takes place deep inside oneself, as a devotional exercise for one's own spiritual development. The listening and waiting in a meeting for worship is a shared experience in which worshippers seek to meet God. Friends may worship entirely without words, but usually there will be some brief spoken contributions. This 'ministry' is intended to express aloud what is already present in the silence. Anyone may feel the call to speak. There is a very wide variety of sources of spoken ministry and the acceptance of them is an important part of Quaker worship. Since the Religious Society of Friends is part of the Christian tradition, people may speak of the life and teachings of Jesus, use words from other sources, or refer to events in daily life.

- Text adapted from "Meeting the Spirit: An Introduction to Quaker Beliefs and Practices," <http://charlestonwv.quaker.org/meeting-the-spirit.html#2>

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND
Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are Welcome!

Monday February 29: Café Worship with story-teller Michael Thornton and others. How do we overcome tribulations and make community in times of strife? Join us as we grapple with these questions.

Tuesday March 1: A Service of the Word, with reflections from graduating students Jessie Gutgsell, M.Div. '16, and Joshua Bruner, M.Div. '16.

Wednesday March 2: A spirit-led service modeled on the Quaker style, led by Tony Coleman.

Thursday March 3: Sung Morning Prayer, with a Lenten reflection by graduating Student Nathan Anderson, M.Div. '16.

Friday March 4: Join us for our Community Eucharist, beginning with a meditation on hymns, led by Jeremiah Wright-Haynes. Presider: Herron Gaston, Assistant Director of Admissions & Recruitment.

The Following Week in Marquand Chapel

Monday March 7: Café Worship returns with a reflection by Eda Uca.

Tuesday March 8: Join us for a Service of the Word with a sermon by Carolyn Sharp.

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