

Quispamsis United Church

June 12th, 2022 - First Sunday After Pentecost

Affirming Celebration Sunday

Liturgical Colour: All The Colours of the Rainbow

President: Rev. Richard Bowley

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Readers: Affirming Committee

Centering Passage: *I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.*

-Psalm 121

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle, a reminder that in those times when we lose our way, that when we feel alone, Christ is with us, Christ is calling to us, Christ is shining within and before us. Let us follow this light as we discover that God's grace and love know no limits.

Opening Music He's Got the Whole World in His Hands - arr. Phillip Keveren

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Call to Worship (Responsive):

We come seeking the Holy One.

As kingdom builders, we strive to live into God's will for grace, and for peace.

We come seeking daily bread.

We hunger - in body and in spirit - for a Word that will lead us to unity, that will bond us together in God's boundless love.

We come, a broken people, to the one who created us perfectly imperfect.

Though broken, we come together to make whole the image of God in creation.

Prayer of the Day

Holy One, who breathes life into each and every one of us, whose Spirit moves throughout creation, we give thanks for the diversity of life and love that saturates our lives. Help us to hold one another closely in love, with compassion, and in celebration. Encourage us to throw our arms wide, as wide as your love for the universe, to embrace all of your children. Inspire us to see a part of your image reflected back in the people that we meet, and in the mirror that greets us each day. We offer this and all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Companion on the way. AMEN

Hymn:

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV 138

**My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

Refrain:

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.**

**And we'll never move the gravestones
if we're not prepared to die, and realize
there are worlds outside the lines.**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where
I've never been before, throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

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LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Letter from the Moderator The Right Rev. Richard Bott

Reading By John Hill Why we are doing this Process?

Sung Prayer of Illumination: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79 (vs 2) - *QUC Recording*

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. R**

Reading: Matthew 6:7-15

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gift of Music:

We Are A Rainbow
**We’re the light of all the world,
we are a city on a hill,
We’re a candle on a stand
proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp
beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope
that’s burning bright.**

QUC Recording

Refrain:

**We are a rainbow,
sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears
will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow,
splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colours
proud and bold and free.**

**We're a coat of many colours,
sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth,
in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light",
created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us
can find a place. R**

**We are hope to still believe
in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world
that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last
in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows
in every heart. R**

**When we face the storms of life,
we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us
on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side,
we won't be frightened* any more,
As the mourning night of tears
breaks into day. R**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Affirming Timeline

How Can I Give?

- 1/ If you have internet banking, you can E-transfer funds to QUC by sending the funds to QUC@nb.aibn.com. Do not forget to send a separate email with the answer to your security question.
- 2/ go to www.CanadaHelps.org and search for Quispamsis United Church. You can give to the church by using your credit card. The address says Gondola Point, do not worry, that is us.
- 3/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2
- 4/ you can sign up for a pre-authorized remittance (PAR) donation which comes out of your bank account or credit card once a month. You can cancel this at any time. Contact Brion Crossman at 849-6003 for details.
- 5/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.
- 6/ As we consider the greater work of the United Church consider giving to Mission and Service Fund through your regular offering or at <https://united-church.ca>

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow VU 541 - *Recording*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous God, in our world and as part of the gift of our daily bread, you have given us a variety of gifts to match the diversity of your people. In love we offer back to you our time, our talent, our treasures, our very selves for the building up of your kingdom of peace. Bless all that we give and all that we are. In the name of Jesus, who sought the light in each person, we make this prayer. AMEN

Presentation Of Affirming Ministry Certificate - Tracy Friars, Harmony United Church

Lighting A New Light:

We light this candle, lit from the flame of Christ's own light and love, as we declare ourselves as a community where all people are welcome without barriers based on age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, differing abilities, ethnic background or economic circumstance.

All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of church life including membership, leadership, celebrating life passages, baptism, and marriage.

We celebrate the richness that diversity brings to our church, even as it challenges us to walk down roads we have not yet traveled. We pray for God's spirit to guide us as we work for reconciliation and justice for all persons in both church and society.

Gift of Music:

We're All Welcome Here

Jammers Recording

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Notre Père)

**Notre Père, Père,
qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.**

**Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.**

**Pardonne-nous nos offenses,
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.**

**Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.**

**Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent
le règne, la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles.**

Amen.

Hymn:

Who is my mother

MV 178

**Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**Differently abled, differently labeled,
widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas,
all come together round Jesus Christ.**

**Love will relate us—colour or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings—
all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision, met for one mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

We are seekers. We are dreamers. We are kingdom builders.

We are the hands and feet of the one who called us. We are the lips and voice crying out for justice.

Even as we seek a blessing for our travels, know that you are a blessing to the world.

May we carry the Good News of God's great love to all who feel lost, all who feel alone, all who feel unseen, so that they know they are seen, they are embraced, they - we - are not alone.

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the peace of Christ in your hearts, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the Good News you have found this day. AMEN

Choral Closing:

Dance with the Spirit X2

MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
Work and hope for a new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Closing Music

Put a Little love in Your Heart - Jimmy Holiday