

Quispamsis United Church

June 5th, 2022 - Pentecost Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Red/Orange/Yellow

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Barb McBean

Centering Passage: *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

-John 14:16-17

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Dedicate a Service

This service is dedicated to those who have answered the call and have been or will be ordained/commissioned/recognized at Regional meetings this year. May the Holy Spirit guide their ministry!

Celebrations & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

We greet this day by first greeting this light, a reminder of so much: of the power of light; of the presence of Christ; and of the movement of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and in our everyday. May we burn with Holy Light as we move through this time of worship and prayer. May we be led by the light of Christ every step on the way.

Opening Music

Let Us Break Bread Together - 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):

The flame of the Holy Spirit be kindled within you

And also within you.

Set your souls aflame with a burning faith,

We set the Christ light in our hearts, lifting them to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive):

Holy God of wind and fire, your Spirit renews the face of the earth and warms the hearts of your people. We give you thanks for your gifts of pentecostal power: tongues that utter prophetic words of truth and justice; flames that kindle new visions of compassion and peace; fresh breezes that blow down the walls which separate us from you and one another. so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth and in the heavens to give you praise:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is the One who comes in God's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn:

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375 - *QUC Recording*

Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness.

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.

Wind, wind on the sea.

**You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,
Then You coaxed up the mountains from the valley of sleep,
And over the eons You called to each thing,
"A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." R**

**You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand,
And You goaded your people With a law and a land,
And when they were blinded With their idols and lies,
Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes. R**

**You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,
And down in the city You called once again
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind. R**

**You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions Your people arise. R**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Remembering the Meal (Responsive):

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

he shared food with followers and friends,
with saints and sinners,
with crowds of thousands on the hillside,
and a few friends in an upper room.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions.
He took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then, he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying:

"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me."

Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us.

In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, breath of our lungs and flame in our hearts, and we remember Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection. We wait in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Theme Conversation

Sung Prayer of Illumination:

Spirit, Open My Heart

MV 79 (vs 2)

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: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message What does it mean?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

O A Song Must Rise

MV 142

Refrain:

**Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend
a song must rise once again
Singing out God's praises and glory
the faithful voices blend
Oh a song must rise for the Spirit to descend.**

**From the mountains to the valleys
from the desert to the sea
a song must rise once again
From the voices of our leaders
the voice of you and me
a song must rise for the Spirit to descend**

**From poverty and riches
from the voice of young and old
a song must rise once again
From the free and the imprisoned
the timid and the bold
a song must rise for the Spirit to descend**

**From every house of worship
in every faith and tongue
a song must rise once again
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung
a song must rise for the Spirit to descend**

How Can I Give?

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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/ 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.

4/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.

5/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow VU 541
**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.**

Invitation and Instruction

Blessing What We Bring (Responsive):

Holy God, we pray for your Spirit.

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

And so we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Kindle in us a flame that drives us to be builders of the kingdom. With our gifts and with our very selves, we will strive for this work. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup:

This is the body of Christ, bread for the journey, nourishment for our souls.

This is the blood of Christ, the cup of promise, poured out for all.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (Responsive):

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come now for all has been made ready.

****Those who wish may come forward to receive their bread and cup.*

Please take it with you back to your seats.

*Once all have their elements, we will eat and drink as a community of faith and love****

Hymn:

Spirit God, Be Our Breath

MV 150

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, with-drawn.
Spirit God, be our song.**

**Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.**

**Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.**

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go forth now as Pentecost people, filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams, and seeing visions of God's possibilities.

We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed by a God who never leaves us alone.
Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do and everywhere that you go.

We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people—people of wind and fire, dreams and visions, people filled with that most amazing and transforming Spirit.

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in you heart, the peace of Christ in your hands, and with the power of the Holy Spirit at your back to share the Good News you have heard this day. AMEN

Choral Closing:

Dance with the Spirit

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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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit - arr. Phillip Keveren