

**Quispamsis United Church**  
*May 22nd, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
**Liturgical Colour: White**  
**Presider: Layton Peck**  
**Musician: Layton & Greta Peck**  
**Reader: Robert Orchard**

**Centering Passage:** *From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

*-John 1:16-18*

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Dedicate a Service**

Today's Service is dedicated by Diane and Ray Tonge in celebration of Maureen Tonge who would have been celebrating her 54th birthday on May 25th. We love you and miss you!

**Celebrations & Announcements**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by distance, emblematic of the light which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

**Opening Music**

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

**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):**

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### **Opening Prayer**

God of life,

**you sustain us through the harmonious work of heaven, earth, and human beings.**

**You enrich community woven by different cultures and traditions.**

**Today we come together to celebrate Asian Heritage Month  
in remembering who we are.**

**Enhance our joy of journeying together for the common good.**

**In the name of Jesus, our companion,  
we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**How Great Thou Art**

**VU 238**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R**
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. R**
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R**

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Theme Conversation

#### Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

**Holy One, Creator of all that is, seen and unseen, of story and of song, of heartbeat and of tears of bodies, souls, voices and all relations: you are the God of all truth and the way of all reconciliation. Uphold with your love and compassion all who open their lives in the sacred sharing of their stories breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, that we may face our histories with courage; touch us through the holy gift of story that those who speak and those who listen may behold your own redeeming presence; guide us with holy wisdom to enter through the gates of remorse that our feet may walk gently and firmly on the way of justice and healing. Amen.**

*From the Anglican Church of Canada*

### Assurance of God's Love

#### Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### Reading:           **Philippians 1:1-18a**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

Rice is Heaven

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:**

**Spirit Open My Heart**

**MV 79**

*Refrain*

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,**

**Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1. God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. May I weep with those who weep,  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.**

## **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](http://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:**                    I'm Gonna Shout                    MV 183 (new words) X2  
  **I'm gonna give, give, give of myself for Jesus, for Jesus.**  
  **I'm gonna give, give, give of myself to serve the risen one!**  
  **For whatever life might throw my way**  
  **I'll serve you each and everyday!**  
  **With all I am and all I'll ever be!**

## **Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

Gracious and holy God,  
**accept what we offer today:**  
**our cheques and cash, our faltering steps,**  
**our brokenness, our leftovers,**  
**our hope, our risking, our lives.**  
Bless and transform all that we offer  
and all that we hold back,  
that new life may be ours,  
to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen

*(Source: Jeff Shrowder)*

## **Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

Hymn:

Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

***Refrain***

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

1. **God the still-point of the circle,  
'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever,  
in God's gracious arms.**
2. **Let our hearts touch far horizons,  
so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders,  
faithful to God's call.**
3. **Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us,  
open every door.**

**SENDING FORTH**

**Commissioning (Responsive):**

We are different but we are connected as a family of God;

**We go with God, who calls us to love and serve others.**

We are to called to build our community;

**We go with God who calls us to seek justice and resist evil.**

We go into the world with respect in Creation;

**We go into the world to celebrate God's presence.**

Benediction

**Choral Closing:** We Shall go out with Hope in Resurrection VU 586 (vs 1) *QUC Recording*

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life who sets us free.**