

Quispamsis United Church

November 13th, 2022 - Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Colour: Green

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GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

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 and through each one of us, no matter where we are.

Opening Music Jesus Shall Reign - arr. Cindy Berry

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):

Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

Come people of God; hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

In hearing the promises, in witnessing the mighty deeds of God, we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy, for God truly is in our midst.

Opening Prayer:

Our loving and caring God,

we need this time together

to be united with our sisters and brothers

in the faith;

we need this time of worship

to be comforted and strengthened

in your presence.

**We hear of wars and rumors of wars.
We read of persecution and oppression.
Remind us again of your vision,
that all might live in a world
of peace and justice and love.
May this time together
imprint this vision and promise on our hearts,
that we may live into this beloved community. Amen.**

Hymn: Sing a Happy Hallelujah VU 224
Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
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hallelujah everyone!

**We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly. R**

**Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced. R**

**Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! 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.

Spirit breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness, strengthen us so that we may face our histories with courage; touch us through the holy gift of story that moves among us. Such 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 in your way of justice and healing. Amen.

Adapted 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: Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

For lo, the Lord is coming out of his place,
and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

Then the mountains will melt under him
and the valleys will burst open,
like wax near the fire,
like waters poured down a steep place.

All this is for the transgression of Jacob
and for the sins of the house of Israel.

What is the transgression of Jacob?
Is it not Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah?
Is it not Jerusalem?

The Ruler from Bethlehem

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

What God Requires

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music (Anthem): The Jammers

Message: What Does God Require of You?

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn: O For a World VU 697

**O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.**

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:

Your Work O God

VU 537 (vs 1)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

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

Prayers of the People & Sung Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

VU 686

God of Grace and God of Glory
God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
now fulfil your church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail your ways;
fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces,
pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not them nor thee.

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Now as we go forth into a world that needs new visions.

**Help us to bring the message of hope and love,
of justice and peace, to all we meet.**

Let us live the dream. Make it reality.

**Celebrate endings and new beginnings,
challenges and promises.**

And live this new creation. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Closing:

Walk with me

VU 649 (vs 4)

Refrain:

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

**And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R**

Closing Music

Faith - Felix Mendelssohn