

# Quispamsis United Church

October 30th, 2022 - Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

**Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley**

**Director of Music: Stephen Alexander**

**Reader: Stephen Alexander**

**Centering Passage:** *'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Yours 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.*

*-Matthew 6:9-13*

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that shines in and through us every day of our lives, may it lead us through this time of worship.

### Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

### Acknowledgement of Territories

### Celebrations & Announcements

### Opening Music

Prelude on « For All the Saints » 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):

God, who called an entire nation

**to a time of desert wandering,  
while they worked out the full meaning  
of being people of God,**

still calls people to follow in faith into the risk of new challenges and the promise of new possibilities.

**Today, this community hears and responds to such a call.**

Let us worship God!

### Opening Prayer:

We come to you, O God of deep wisdom, in search of guidance as we make our way through our lives. You gift us with choice, but even as we celebrate that blessing, we are confronted by so many directions that we might go. It is hard for us to know the consequences of choices, the destinations of the roads we walk, or the long-term effects of the decisions that we make. Like Solomon, we come to you seeking a portion of your wisdom so that we might know the way to go that leads to healing, to love, to you. We offer this prayer in the strong name of our brother and our way, Jesus Christ. AMEN

### Hymn:

I can feel you near me God  
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here  
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here.

MV 48

### Refrain:

And I'll jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you  
I will jump for joy I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you.

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me always everywhere  
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me I know you're there. R

### LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

Lord, we have lived as unwise people.

**God, forgive us for wasting precious time.**

We have been foolish.

**Jesus, forgive us for not understanding your will.**

We have filled ourselves with the wine of worldliness.

**Holy Spirit, forgive us for not being filled with you.**

Holy God, Wholly Mystery, we have forsaken your spiritual food.

**God of Grace, Father of all Wisdom, forgive us for not drawing our strength from your bread of heaven.**

Almighty God, please add to your mighty deeds by forgiving our transgressions, both those things we have done, and those we have left undone.

*(Silent Confession)*

## **Assurance of God's Love:**

The gifts of God never stop coming because God's love is eternal. Even when we choose poorly and fall, God is right there to pick us up and offer us a new way. In our sin we find forgiveness, and in our brokenness, God brings wholeness. Thanks be to God!

## **Theme Conversation**

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

**Guide us, O Great Shepherd, through your Word as you guide us through life. Give us the insight to see ourselves in the story, but also the wisdom to know how to grow from the story. Inspire us. Encourage us. Empower us. This we pray in the name of Christ, our teacher. AMEN**

### **Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15**

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**            My Lord, What a Morning

**Message**            Gifts of God, Blessings of the Spirit

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

Beyond the Beauty and the Awe  
**Beyond the beauty and the awe,  
beyond the fear and dread,  
we long, O God, to hear your word,  
to taste your transformed bread.**

MV 80

**Our lives feel torn between the world  
whose needs are grimly real  
and empty talk of peace and joy  
with distant, vague appeal.**

**Oh, teach us how to hear your voice  
despite the traffic's din;  
to keep the blasts of rancour out  
and let your Spirit in.**

**In sound or silence, sight or smell,  
may we some token find  
that makes your living presence known  
to body, soul, and mind.**

**Then help us live as Jesus taught,  
as light and salt and yeast,  
that others may be brought to share  
your promise and your feast.**

### 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](mailto: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/ 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:**

For all Your Goodness  
**For all your goodness God,  
we give you thanks,  
Thanks for the food we eat  
and for the friends we meet,  
And each new day we greet,  
we give you thanks.**

VU 549

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Redeeming Lord, we continually seek your comfortable refuge. You deliver us from our unfounded fears and provide us with miraculous examples of your love. In response, we offer these gifts. We pray that these funds will provide an outreach that warms people with your resplendent love. As a church community, we exalt and praise your holy name. AMEN**

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

**Hymn:**

God be With you Till we Meet Again  
**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

VU 422

**Refrain:**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. R**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. R**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again. R**

### **SENDING FORTH**

#### **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's way of Love.

**When we are called to lead, we strive to do so with humility and confidence in God.**

Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence.

**We seek to share compassion with all whom we encounter.**

Live wisely in God's name, and glorify God in all you do.

**And may the grace, mercy, and wisdom of God be our support, guidance and strength from this day forward and for ever more. Amen.**

#### **Benediction**

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

#### **Choral Closing:**

Peace Be With You  
**Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you my friends.  
Till we meet again,  
may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.**

MV 215

#### **Closing Music**

Grand Triumphant Chorus - Alexander Guilmant