

Quispamsis United Church

April 11th, 2021 - The Second Sunday of Easter

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Centering Passage: *You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.*

-Psalm 30:11-12

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

This light, alive again in our lives, is our guide, our hope, and our grace. It is also our companion. It goes with us, and lives within us. Let us gather around this light and come to know more deeply God's love for us.

Prelude My Lord, What a Morning! - arr. by Cindy Berry

Greeting (Responsive):

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 to this place,

on the road from where we were to where we think we are going;

on the way from who we were to who we think we need to be,

and Christ meets us, transforms us, and set us on a new path.

So let us follow Christ through this worship as we strive to see him in those we meet.

Let us worship God together.

Prayer of Approach

Come to us, O Christ. Meet us in this time. Open our eyes and our hearts to your Holy presence. As we wander the road of your word, shine your light on us. Set our hearts ablaze as we discover anew the call that you have always had for us. When we feel alone, remind us that you walk with

us as you did with those disciples on the road to Emmaus, that when we feel we have lost everything, you come and give us what we need. We lift this prayer in your name, O Risen Christ.

AMEN

Hymn: This is the Day VU 412

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**

**Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.**

**You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

Theme Conversation

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We ignore Christ alive in your people, O God, failing to see him beside us in our every day. Forgive us. Open us up to the faith that lives within us. Make it our guide as we strive to follow you. We ask this and all things in the name of the Risen Christ. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love & A New Creed (VU 918)

Christ is alive, bringing gifts of life, mercy and grace! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of resurrection and new life in the power of God's Holy Spirit. Encouraged, we receive this grace and boldly proclaim our faith together:

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: I Can Feel You Near Me God MV 48

**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.**

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**

Today's Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Message Meeting Christ on the Road

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Anthem Whisper to my Heart - J. Martin (Sue King & Wendy Stewart)

How Can I Give?

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED?

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

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Grateful MV 182

**Grateful for the life you give us
thankful for your holy son
joyful in your spirit flowing
over all o god of love
grateful for the bread of heaven
thankful for your holy word
joyful in your mercy flowing
we will praise you.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

God of abundance, bless the gifts that we give of our time, talent, and treasure to your benefit. May what we give and do play a part in the building up of your kingdom, and the sharing of your love and grace. We offer these gifts and our prayers in the name of the resurrected one, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayers for Ourselves and Others & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Christ is Alive VU 158 (vs 1, 4, & 5)

**1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

- 4 **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
- 5 **Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go now to the many roads of life,
and there we will find Christ waiting for us,
reaching out to us, calling to us,
inviting us to join him on the way.
See Christ in the face of everyone you meet,
and we will never be alone!

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day. AMEN

Choral Closing: Go Now In Peace VU 964
**Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Postlude A Joyous Acclamation - Gerald Peterson