

Quispamsis United Church

April 24th, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Colour: White

Presider: Rev. Richard

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Sally Allanach

Centering Passage: *The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.*

-Psalm 145:17-19

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Signs of Spring

Celebrations & Announcements

Dedicate a Service

Today's service is dedicated to Margaret King who turns 95 today. Happy Birthday Margaret from your daughter Sue!

Lighting the Christ Candle

When we are scared, when we are worried, when we feel lost, this light - the light of Christ - shines in and through our lives. As we gather around this light, as we are shown the wonders of Christ's love, may we be inspired to share what we see and hear with the world.

Opening Music 'I know that my Redeemer liveth' - G.F.Handel

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):

My heart is glad!

My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

For you do not abandon me.

You give me counsel.

You are at my right hand.

You show me the path of life.

Your presence is sheer joy.

You are my God; apart from you, I have no good. Blessed is your name!

-adapted from Psalm 16

Opening Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. AMEN

Hymn:

You Tell Me

VU 185

**You tell me that the Lord is risen, that you have seen his face.
Then tell me why you crouch in fear and hide within this place.
You say that he spoke words of peace and stood just as before.
But 'til I touch his very flesh I will not trust your joy.**

**You claim a resurrection here, that God has broken death.
No easy words like these will soothe the pain that tears my breath.
How well do I recall his face, compassion, strength in fear.
How deep my grief that he should die. Spare me your words of cheer.**

**"Now peace be with you. Come my friend, my wounded body see.
Let the rich courage of your doubt bring you to fresh belief.
Fear not to wonder at the Word, to search the depths of grace.
Reach out and touch, here is my hand. Receive the gift of faith."**

**"How blest are they, how fortunate who know without the sight.
But Thomas, you are favoured too, for searching yields its light."
So may each pilgrim in the Way, each road to Christ be blest,
'til lips declare, "My Lord and God!", Christ's body one at last.**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Reconciliation (Unison):

Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue on path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you, touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim you as our Lord and Savior. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love:

Do not fear, kindred in Christ. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. Nothing can prevent God's love for us. Rejoice, for you have been made new in Christ. AMEN

Theme Conversation

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: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Truth, Doubt, and the Faith Between

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

MV 138

**My love colours outside the lines,
exploring paths that few could ever find;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

**My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I've never been before,
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.**

Refrain:

**We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to die,
and realize there are worlds outside the lines.**

**My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines. R**

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:
words) X2

I'm Gonna Shout

MV 183 (new

**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):

We bring to you, O God, all that we are. We bring the best parts, our talents and treasures, as well as our doubt and brokenness. Receive all that we are. Bless all that we are that we might find a deeper faith. Bless all that we bring that we might build your kingdom of peace, love, and joy. We offer these gifts, ourselves, and our prayers in the strong name of Christ. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Teach me God to Wonder

VU 299

**Teach me God to wonder, teach me God to see
Let your world of beauty capture me R**

Refrain:

**Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, joy you give**

**Let me God be open, let me loving be
Let your world of people speak to me. R**

**Let me God be ready, let me be awake,
In your world of loving, my place take. R**

**Teach me God to know you, hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Go from this place in peace and joy to serve the Lord.

We rejoice in the good news we have heard and go to serve God in all that we do.

May God's blessing continue in and through you to others

May God's love also pour into your heart this day and always.

Benediction

Go now with the love of God in your hearts, 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.

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.**

Closing Music Trumpet Tune - Anthony Giamanco