

Quispamsis United Church

August 15th, 2021 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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******There will be a Hymn-Sing before Worship,
so be sure to come/log on early to sing along! ******

I have Called You – MV 161 (verses 1 & 4)

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people
they are mine.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus – VU 135 (verses 1 & 3)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

- 3** I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

Called by Earth and Sky – MV 135 (verses 1 & 4)

Refrain

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

After last verse, repeat twice more;
called by earth and sky.

- 1.** Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.
- 4.** Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one. R

When We Are Living – VU 581 (verses 2 & 3)

- 2** Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3** 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

This is God's Wondrous World – VU 296 (verses 1 & 3)

- 1** This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 3** This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
 Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle because as bright as it might be outside, the world, our lives, can seem so dark. We long for the light of Christ to reveal our path and show us the way. May this symbol of that Holy Light guide us this day. May the Light of Christ guide us always.

Prelude 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus - arr. Martha Mier

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):

We come to this time and this place seeking the one who will remember us in our times of trouble.

How long, O God will you forget your children?

In the midst of our struggling and our striving, we come to find relief from our burdens.

How long, O God, shall the hard times triumph in our lives?

In God we find rest and relief. In God we are reminded of hope.

Let us worship God who is present with us even now.

Opening Prayer

In your light and your love, we stand this day, O God. Entering into your Holy Presence, we humbly bring forth our brokenness and our longings for wholeness knowing that your Spirit of healing freely moves in our lives. But we also acknowledge that there are times where the shadows of despair and the darkness of our trials seem all consuming, where we close our eyes in an effort to escape our struggles and in doing so close our eyes to your light as well. Help us to stand against the enemies of fear, hopelessness, and helplessness. Help us to stand in your love. Remind us that nothing can separate us from that love, no matter how hard or bad things get. Hear us, O God, as we cry out to you, as we long for you, as we pray to you in the strong name of your son and our saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say VU 626

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.**

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.**

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.**

Theme Conversation What Can We Say to God?

Prayer of Illumination & Understanding

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to our souls. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 13 (**VU 734**)

Refrain:

Be Still my soul, for God is on your side.

How long, O God, will you utterly forget me?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day and night?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? R

Look at me, and answer me, O God my God;

give light to my eyes, lest I fall asleep in death,

lest my enemies claim to have prevailed against me,

lest my foes rejoice at my downfall.

But my trust is in your mercy.

Let my heart be joyful in your salvation.

I will sing to you, O God,

because you have dealt so lovingly with me. I will praise your name, O God most high. R

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

AMEN

Message Shouting to God. Trusting in Christ. Moving in the Spirit.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Take my life VU 506

**1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

3 Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

4 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

5 Take my love: and I will pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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/ 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: Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Even in Those hardest of times, we can see the abundance that has been poured out in your love. Receive in return a portion of that bounty, bless all that we give and all that we are. In the sharing of these gifts of time, talent, and treasure may we be reminded of the part that we play in creation, and encouraged by your constant presence. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, our companion on the way. AMEN

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Guide me O thou Great Jehovah

VU 651

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Faith restored is trust renewed.

Our hearts sing of God's mercy.

Our souls sing of Christ's salvation.

Our very lives move by the breath of the Spirit.

We will praise God through trials and triumphs,

because God's love never ends. God's presence is assured.

Benediction

Now go 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: May God's Sheltering Wings

MV 214

May God's sheltering wings

His gathering wings protect you

May God's nurturing arms,

Her cradling arms sustain you

And hold you in Her love,

And hold you in His love.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in F - Roy Brunner