

# Quispamsis United Church

August 29th, 2021 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**Centering Passage:** So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

John 6:67-69

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Celebrations & Announcements**

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

May this light kindle within us a gratefulness that drives us to service and care of others. May it light our path through the word, and draw us closer to God.

**Opening Music**

Be Thou My Vision – trad. Irish arr. Lloyd Larson

**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):**

On this day and in this moment,

**we come to give thanks to God.**

With hearts, souls, mind, and strength,

**we come to show our love of God.**

Together with our trials & triumphs, and stories of divine encounters,

**we come to share our faith in God.**

With songs, prayers, and the sharing of Holy Words,

**we have come to worship God.**

**Opening Prayer**

In the wake of all the moments that have led us to this time, O God, we see your constant presence. We say that we come to this Holy Time and Space to meet you, but we know that you have been with us all along, giving strength to us when we are weary, giving hope to us when we feel lost. And so we ask that you guide us still. Through your word, through this time, and into

this day guide us. We pray. Even as we ask for your guidance, we admit that there have been times where we have come to you seeking a way, and then went on to choose our own. Forgive us those times where we have ignored the whispers and the advice of your guiding Spirit, only to blame you when we find ourselves in trouble. Forgive us for being ungrateful for all that you have done and been for us to this point, and all that you will do and be for us in the days to come. Forgive us, we pray, because we know that in you is a love that seeks to guides us, and a grace that longs to restore us. Call us again, and we will follow. Embrace us again, and we will share your love. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, the core of our faith, and the model for our lives. AMEN

**Hymn:**

All Praise to Thee

VU 327

- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!**
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!**
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!**
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!**
- 5 Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God eternal be by all adored:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!**

**Theme Conversation**

How do we say “thank-you”?

**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 Reading:** Psalm 30 (VU 757)

*Refrain*

*Though tears flow for a night, the morning brings new joy.*

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;

**you have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O God, my God, I cried to you for help, and you restored my health.

**You brought me back from the dead; you saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.**

Let all your servants sing praises to you, and give thanks to your holy name.

**Your anger is but for a moment, but your kindness is life eternal. R**

In my prosperity I said,

**“I shall never be shake; your favour, O God, has made me as firm as any strong mountain.”**

You turned your face away from me, and I was greatly dismayed. I called to you; I made my appeal:

**“What profit is there in my death, in my going down to the Grave?”**

Will the dust give you praise? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

**Hear, O God, and be gracious to me; O God, be my helper.” R**

You turned my mourning into dancing;

**you stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

so that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.

**O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** An Attitude of Gratitude

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn:** Grateful MV 182

*Refrain*

**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.**

- 1. You are more than we imagine,  
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord.  
Even when we doubt your presence  
you are faithful to your Word. R**
  
- 2. May our lives proclaim your justice,  
may our voices sing your praise.  
May our hands work in your service  
to the glory of your name. R**

#### **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](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/ 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: 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):

**We give thanks, O God, not because you have given so much, but because you have loved us so deeply, so completely. And so we offer our gifts to you in response to that outpouring of love in the hopes that we can reflect that love on the world. Bless what we give and who we are as we strive to live lives in service to you and to the world. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN**

### Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** I Thank You MV 188

1. I thank you, thank you, Jesus **(3X)**  
in my heart.

***Repeat***

2. I can't live without you, yes,  
I can't live without you, **(2X)**  
in my heart.

***Repeat***

3. I love you, love you, Jesus, **(3X)**  
in my heart.

***Repeat***

### SENDING FORTH

#### Commissioning (Responsive):

We move now from worship to service,

**to live the Word, bring prayers to action, and dance with the Spirit in the world.**

With our faith strengthened,

**we will move together through bright days and dark nights, our hope guiding us on.**

And in those moments where the Christ light dims,

**we will reflect God's love on those around us.**

Go from this day, this moment, this time and this place, knowing that you are loved, chosen, and called.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### 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

