

Quispamsis United Church

July 18th, 2021 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ is steadfast. It shines through the darkness, indeed pushes it back. May we stand in the light of this flame, revealed and called.

Prelude

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.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, we gather here in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, and long for you to speak your peace to us. And yet, even as we come humbly into your presence, we confess that our faithfulness to you, our attendance to your calling, our righteousness is not as steadfast and true as we would hope it to be. In living out our praise, we too easily falter after the first page. Were it not for the lavish gift of your Son, we would be lost.

Through him, however, we turn to you in our hearts, knowing your steadfast love and faithfulness, your righteousness and peace. In him your salvation is at hand. We thank you.

May this worship reflect your goodness, as we respond to you with our heart, soul, and mind. Make a path in the midst of this congregation today, and walk among us through your Holy Spirit.

This we pray in the name of the One who is your peace, our salvation—Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn:

Lord Prepare Me (3X)

MV 18

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Prayer of Illumination & Understanding

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all joyfully and faithfully, seeking you to know you and glorify your name in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. AMEN

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 85

Refrain:

God, show us your love, show us your love and mercy.

Once you were gracious to your land, O God, you restored the fortunes of Jacob;

you forgave the offence of your people, and pardoned all their sin.

You drew back all your displeasure, and turned from your fiery wrath.

Restore us again, God our Saviour, and put away your just anger toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? R

Let me hear what you will say, O God, for you will speak peace to your people, to the faithful who turn their hearts to you.

Surely salvation is near those who fear you, and your glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness will meet, Justice and peace will embrace.

Faithfulness will spring up from the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven.

You, O God, will give what is good, and our land will yield its Harvest.

Righteousness will go before you, and the paths of your feet will be peace. R

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

AMEN

Message Seeking Restoration

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

How Can I Give?

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC?

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

Ever gracious are you, O God, in the blessings that you pour out on creation. All that we are, all that we have, all that we might be comes from your creative hands, eternal love, and life-giving breath. In this moment, we turn to you with offerings of our own. We bring you our praise, our thanks, the work of our hands, the prayers of our hearts, our whole selves we offer. Receive all the gifts that we bring to you, O God, and bless them and us for the work of sharing your love and building your kingdom. 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: Soil of God You and I MV 174

1. **Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.**
2. **Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.**
3. **Soil of God, you and I, now called to re-birth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is Holy ground.**

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Assured by God's grace and love, we are invited to go to the world, to find the broken and remind them that they are precious.

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