

Quispamsis United Church

July 24th, 2022 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Colour: Green

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Musician & Reader: Stephen Alexander

Centering Passage: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

-Psalm 103:1-5

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle, a reminder that in those times when we lose our way, that when we feel alone, Christ is with us, Christ is calling to us, Christ is shining within and before us. Let us follow this light as we discover that God's grace and love know no limits.

Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

Opening Music Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach

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):

As we gather today, we call you

Our Father, who art in Heaven,

As we gather today, we lift up who you are and what you represent

hallowed be your name

As we gather today, We seek your ways, not our own

Your Kingdom come, your will be done...

As we gather today, we say sorry to you and one another

Forgive us as we forgive...

As we gather today, we need you.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Lead us away from temptation,

Deliver us from Evil.

As we gather today, we pray.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is Your name. In You we live and move and have our being; we are Your own children, the work of Your hands. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to Your presence, opening our ears to Your Word. Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to You. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

Hymn:

Love Divine

VU 333

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Reflection on the Lord's Prayer

Sung Prayer of Illumination: Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79 (vs 2)

Refrain:

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. R**

Reading: Matthew 6:7-15

'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Gift of Music Surely the Presence (*Valley Woodwinds*)

Message Daily Bread

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: God of Bible MV 28 (Vs 1,2,5)

**God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.**

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.**

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R**

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain,
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly, one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the Cross. R**

Minutes for Mission

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/ Mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2
- 4/ 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.
- 5/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.
- 6/ As we consider the greater work of the United Church consider giving to Mission and Service Fund through your regular offering or at <https://united-church.ca>

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Generous God, in our world and as part of the gift of our daily bread, you have given us a variety of gifts. In love we offer back to you our time, our talent, our treasures, our very selves for the building up of your kingdom of peace. Bless all that we give and all that we are. In the name of Jesus, who sought the light in each person, we make this prayer. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

May the God of Hope Go With Us

VU 424

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

Refrain:

**Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

We are seekers. We are dreamers. We are kingdom builders.

We are the hands and feet of the one who called us. We are the lips and voice crying out for justice.

Even as we seek a blessing for our travels, know that you are a blessing to the world.

May we carry the Good News of God's great love to all who feel lost, all who feel alone, all who feel unseen, so that they know they are seen, they are embraced, they - we - are not alone.

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:

Dance with the Spirit X2

MV 156

**Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day,
Work and hope for a new life a-bornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Closing Music

Rondeau - Jean Mouret