

Quispamsis United Church

July 4th, 2021 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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Centering Passage: *And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

-John 14:4-6

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

At the beginning of a new month, of a new journey through scripture, may this Holy Christ light guide and inspire us on the Way.

Prelude

Morning Prayer - Tchaikovsky

Greeting (Responsive):

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):

From before beginnings to after, our God calls to us, reaches out for us.

God's law guides us, leading us through our days and our nights;

Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

Like a river, the Word of God runs through our lives, and we long to dive in head-first.

Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

God gives us the fruits of the Spirit, and blesses the work of our hands;

Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Happy are we when we walk in the ways of the Lord.

This is our God, the Holy One.

Let us worship God together!

Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things: other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. Strengthen us to set our faces toward you, to follow you. Help us to draw near to you, to hear in the words that follow an invitation and an embrace. We are yours, O Christ, and long for your love. AMEN

Hymn: O Jesus I have promised VU 120

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

Theme Conversation

Prayer of Illumination & Understanding

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, we pray. AMEN

Responsive Scripture: Psalm 1 (VU 724)

*♪ Blessed are those who follow
the law of God. ♪*

Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel
of the wicked, or linger in the way of sinners,
or sit down among those who mock.

**But their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law, they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.

**Their leaves do not wither,
and whatever they produce shall prosper. R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,
**but they are like the chaff,
driven away by the wind.**

Therefore, the wicked shall not be able to stand
when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For God watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. R**

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

AMEN

Message

Choosing to Follow God On A Journey Just Begun

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn:

Just as I am

VU 508

**Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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 (Unison):

As we journey together in faith, led by your Word and your Spirit, O God, we offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to you. Bless all that we give and all that we are as we strive to follow you more closely and live your will more fully. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Wherever you may Go

MV 216

Refrain:

***Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow:
For I will be faithful, loyal and true.***

**Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. R**

**From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. R**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

In our lives, there are roads that seem easier, and others that seem more difficult.

May we choose the Way that leads to God's embrace.

In our lives, we are afforded opportunities to do what is best for ourselves, or what is best for our community.

May we choose the Way that leads to God's embrace.

In our lives, we must decide when to live by our will, and when to live into the Spirit's call.

May we choose the Way that leads to God's embrace.

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

Dona Nobis - Mozart