

Quispamsis United Church

June 19th, 2022 - Second Sunday After Pentecost

Father's Day

Liturgical Colour: Green

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Sally Allanach

Though scripture and music will change from week to week, the order of service will remain the same for the most part from June 19th - July 17th

All Prayers for this service have been adapted from various parts of the First Letter of Peter

Centering Passage: *'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

-Matthew 5:11-12

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

This light is not new. It has been shining since the dawn of creation. And yet everyday it burns bright and new in our hearts and in our lives. It is the light of Christ, the light of God's grace and love that has drawn us into this time of worship, and guides us through our lives. Let us follow and embody this light.

Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

Opening Music

Elegy - Franklin Ritter

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):

Then Apostle Peter greets us, the people of God in this community.

In the name of God. In the name of Christ. In the name of the Spirit.

He greets us to share his experience of Christ, and a way that we might follow.

We have come to listen, to learn, to follow.

Let us worship God together.

Opening Prayer

God of all Creation, thank You for the life and ministry of Peter and all your apostles and prophets who penned the Scriptures for our learning. As we study and reflect on Your Word, we pray that You would give me a teachable spirit and a desire to learn the truth of the gospel of Christ. Guide us into all truth, equip us with discernment, prevent us from being self-serving in our interpretation, and we pray that we may grow in grace and in a knowledge of our companion on the way, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

VU 315

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer for Reconciliation (Responsive):

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you?

When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives.

Maybe it's the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you.

Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognise you in our neighbour, or in the guise of the poor or the dispossessed.

Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice.

Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those travellers on the road to Emmaus, we too, hasten to share this great good news with others. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love:

We know that we have been born anew through the living and enduring word of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus who came into the world not to condemn it but to save it.

Thanks be to God!

Father's Day Message From QUC Youth

Theme Conversation

Gift of Music God's Not Dead

Prayer of Illumination (Unison):

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-23

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gift of Music Jump! Shout!

Message Live Like You Were Born Again

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Soil of God You and I MV 174

**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.**

**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.**

**Soil of God you and I, now called to rebirth,
Joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is holy ground.**

Distribution of Way to Go Certificates

Presentation of Al Graham Memorial Award

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:

Grant Us, God, The Grace
**Grant us God the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free.
That ourselves and all our living,
we may offer faithfully.**

VU 540

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessing for us. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

Go Make A Diff'rence

MV 209 - *QUC Recording*

Refrain:

Go make a dff'rence, we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence in the world

We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see

The love of God in you and me

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen

Go make a diff'rence in the world. R

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need

The face of God for all to see

We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace

Go make a diff'rence in the world. R

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

May grace and peace be ours in abundance,

in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

May we be thankful for simple things,

for friendship, for health, for daily bread, for good news.

May we rise above the corruption of power

and become participants in the divine nature.

May we go from this place

to pursue goodness, wisdom, holiness and love.

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:

Teach Me, God, To Wonder (vs 4 & refrain)

VU 299

**Teach me God to know you,
hear you when you speak,
See you in my neighbour
when we meet.**

**Praise to you be given,
love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated,
joy you give.**

Closing Music

The Glory of God in Nature - Beethoven