

Quispamsis United Church

November 14, 2021 - Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

President: Layton Peck, LLWL

Musician: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Stuart Hossack

Centering Passage: *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

- Matthew 18:20

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle to remind us that Jesus Christ is the light of this Church and of the world.

Thank you God for this light. Help us reflect it to the darkened corners of the world.

Opening Music

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

MV 14

Where two or three are gathered in my name . . . I am there, I am there – (repeated)

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):

Come into this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.

Come with joyful expectation.

We gather in full confidence of the gospel's promise.

Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit

That we may encourage and support each other to love our neighbors as ourselves and to be God's instruments of grace.

Opening Prayer

God of all people,

Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every flowing stream.
Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.

Hymn: Come In Come In and Sit Down

VU 395

Refrain

*Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.*

- 1** You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R

- 2** God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R

- 3** There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. R

- 4** There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
for we are a part of the family. R

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all, because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

- St. Francis of Assisi

Assurance of God's Love

Theme Conversation

When we doubt Linnea Good - Doubters

Sung Prayer of Illumination

Listen God is Calling

MV 97

**Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort, and joy.**

Scripture Reading: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

And he said:

The Lord roars from Zion,
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Herein is wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music Immortal Invisible (arr. Fernando Ortega)
Layton Peck and Greta Gilmore-Peck

Message Justice and Righteousness Like a Never-Ending Stream

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: I Am the Light of the World VU 87

Refrain

*'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

- 1** When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds have found
 their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: R

- 2** To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children with warmth
 and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! R

- 3** To free the prisoner from all chains,
to make the powerful care,
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
to see God's children everywhere! R

- 4** To bring hope to every task you do,
to dance at a baby's new birth,
to make music in an old person's heart,
and sing to the colours of the earth! R

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4/ mail or deliver your giving's to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

Offertory Dedication Hymn: Grant us God

VU 540

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

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for Ourselves and Others & Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide

MV 145

Refrain

**Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.**

- 1. God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. R**
- 2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. R**

