

Quispamsis United Church

November 6th, 2022 - Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

Remembrance Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Green

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Director of Music: Stephen Alexander

Reader: Heather Alward

Centering Passage: *...and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.*

-Matthew 8:2-3

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ that shines in and through us every day of our lives, may it lead us through this time of worship.

Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

Opening Music Prelude on Hymn Tune "Eventide" - John M. Rasley

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):

We gather together on this day of remembering.

We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Life.

We remember today those who have laid down their lives in war and the pursuit of great peace.

We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Remembrance.

We come together to honour the gifts given and offered,

of courage and compassion

of kindness and community

of justice-making and healing touch.

We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Love made visible.

We come together to find new ways, new connections and new understandings.

We lift up our hearts in the spirit of possibility as we come to worship God who makes all things possible.

Opening Prayer:

Before you we come Lord of life offering ourselves in worship and praise, for you have blessed us in so many ways. Before you we come, God of Grace, remembering the brokenness in our world, remembering the violence and death that has afflicted your great creation, we seek your forgiveness. Before you we come, prince of peace, seeking your way in which war will be no more, tears wiped away, and joy reigns. Strengthen us as we grow and deepen our relationship with you, that we may more fully live your life in the world. AMEN

Hymn:

Come and Find the Quiet Center

VU 374

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us cools the heats and slows the pace
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being face to face,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain
There's a place for deepest dreaming, theres a time for heart to care
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!**

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):

On this day of Remembrance, we come seeking your guidance, O God.

Our world is full of strife, and many live under the boot of oppression and in the shadow of prejudice.

We point to these places and situations and pray that you go so that you do not see the brokenness that is in us,

the schisms in our communities, the wounds of your people close to home.

But you know us. Like Naaman, we know that there are ways to bring healing to ourselves and the world, because you have shown us how.

Forgive us for the part that we play in the pain that is suffered in this community. Forgive us those times where in our speaking we bring harm to your children. Forgive us those times when our silence allows prejudice to reign.

Hear us, O God, and forgive us. Seek us out and speak your grace into our lives, we pray. AMEN

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of God's Love:

God has called us and is still calling, inviting us to wholeness with God and with the world. That love is never ending. That grace is eternal. We need only turn towards God's embrace. Thanks be to God for such a love as this.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

National Anthem:

O Canada

VU 524

**O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

Honor Roll

Laying of the Wreaths

Last Post

Moment of Silence

Reveille

In Flanders Fields

Words of Remembrance (Responsive):

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Closing Music:

God Save the King
God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King! God save the King!
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us: God save the King!

Theme Conversation

Sung Prayer of Illumination:

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

VU 299 (vs 4)

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

Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of

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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:

Your Work O God

VU 537 (vs 1)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

You bless us O God, by continually reaching out for us, calling to us, a still small voice that echoes in the silence of those moments when we feel lost and alone. Bless us again and bless our gifts of time, talent and treasure given here in this time and and in every moment. May they be used for the healing of your people, the unity of the body of Christ, and the building up of your kingdom of love. In Christ's name we offer this and all our prayers. AMEN

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

For all the Saints

VU 705

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, the one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):

When the world is filled with hate,

we will strive to bring God's love.

When our lives and the lives of those around us are filled with chaos,

we will strive to live Christ's Peace.

When all we hear of is fear, doubt, and prejudice,

we will strive, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to share the Good News.

Go now in peace, and the peace of God go with you. AMEN

Choral Closing:

Walk with me

VU 649 (vs 4)

Refrain:

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

**And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
The witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you. R**

Closing Music

Down By the Riverside - arr. Peter Wolf