

# Quispamsis United Church

October 23rd, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

57th Anniversary of Quispamsis United Church

**Liturgical Colour: Green**

**Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley**

**Director of Music: Stephen Alexander**

**Reader: Stephen Alexander**

**Centering Passage:** *‘Why do you call me “Lord, Lord”, and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.*

-Luke 6:46-48

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## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Lighting the Christ Candle:

This candle is a symbol. It represents a light that has been shining since before we were, before this world was. It has been shining and will shine throughout eternity. And this light lives and shines in each of us. We come this day to celebrate the many ways this light has shone in this community over the years.

### Welcome & Lighting of Affirm Candle

### Acknowledgement of Territories

### Celebrations & Announcements

### Opening Music

Prelude on the hymn tune « St. Denio » - Roger C. Wilson

### 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):

From all the paths that we have walked, we have been called to this place.

**From who we have been, a people united and broken, seeking wholeness in the Word of the Lord.**

From this moment, very close at hand, we have been called to be present in this place.

**Called from who we see ourselves as, seeking the model of the living Christ.**

From our worries over what might yet be, from the edge of the unknown, we have been called to find our quiet center in this place.

**From our plans, our schedules, our routines we have been called, seeking a new way as people of The Way: Spirit bred, Spirit fed, Spirit led.**

Let us worship God as we celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do in this world!

**Opening Prayer:**

This is not the first time we have come before you, O God, in praise, and it certainly won't be the last. You have given us strength, courage, and light to walk the path that you have been calling us to since before the founding of this church. Be with us now as we celebrate all the ways you have moved in and through your people over the years. Be with us now as we seek your presence in this moment. Guide us O God, in our prayer and praise as we seek a tomorrow with you. In the name of Christ we offer this and all our prayers. AMEN

**Hymn:**

Let us Build a House

MV 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live, a place where saints and  
children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of  
grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;**

**Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
And words are strong and true, Where all God's children  
dare to seek To dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's  
grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

**Refrain**

**Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on  
holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

**Refrain**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's  
face; let us bring an end to fear and danger.**

**Refrain**

**Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,  
taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of  
grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**LISTENING FOR TRUTH**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**God you call us to full and wholehearted living, you call us to be who you created us to be and yet we often block off parts of ourselves and hide away who we are out of fear and shame of what others might think. Today, you call to us again to bring all that we have been, all that we are and all that we will be before you that you may use our whole selves to bring you honour. Forgive us when we shy away from this call and send us courage to boldly walk with you. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love:**

God's love and forgiveness go beyond years. It is eternal. With that love God reaches for us everyday. With that forgiveness, God offers us a new way.

***Celebrating 57 Years!***

**Theme Conversation**

**Prayer Of Illumination (Unison):**

**Guide us, O Great Shepherd, through your Word as you guide us through life. Give us the insight to see ourselves in the story, but also the wisdom to know how to grow from the story. Inspire us. Encourage us. Empower us. This we pray in the name of Christ, our teacher. AMEN**

**Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-11, 22-30**

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon



**The church is wherever God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours in sickness and need.  
The church is wherever God's people are sharing  
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

*Letter from Rev. James Kennedy, President of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region*

### **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](mailto: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](http://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:**

For all Your Goodness  
**For all your goodness God,  
we give you thanks,  
Thanks for the food we eat  
and for the friends we meet,  
And each new day we greet,  
we give you thanks.**

VU 549

### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**Gracious God, enable us to use what we bring to build up the body of Christ, as we enter into the 57th year of our mission and ministry in this place may we not rest on what we have accomplished. Instead grant us continued courage to speak prophetically, act boldly and respond compassionately, both here and beyond the safety of these doors. Bless all that we bring and do in the name of Christ our Saviour. AMEN.**

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hymn:

How Firm a Foundation

VU 660

**How firm a foundation, you servants of God,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you, I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not -- I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never -- no, never -- no, never forsake!"**

### SENDING FORTH

#### **Commissioning (Responsive):**

Our service inside these walls has ended, our service outside these walls is just beginning.

**We go to bring into being the future God plans for us;**

a time of peace,  
and love,  
and harmony,

**when people everywhere will know of his love and of his image within them.**

Let us go forth in the peace and power of God.

**Amen!**

**Benediction**

Go now with the love of God in your heart, 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. AMEN

**Choral Closing:**

Peace Be With You  
**Peace be with you, peace forever,  
peace be with you my friends.  
Till we meet again,  
may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace.**

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**Closing Music**

Trumpet Tune - Robert Lau