

Quispamsis United Church

January 3rd, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Presider: Rev. Richard Bowley

Reader: Brion Crossman

Centering Passage: *I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.*

-Psalm 2:7-8

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations

Announcements

First Service of 2021

REVEREND RICHARD BOWLEY JOINS US WITH HIS FAMILY JANUARY 3RD Let's Give them a huge welcome!!!!

Please register on the Thursday before. DECEMBER 31ST

"We will be having zoom coffee chat time after Sunday service to connect weekly with Rev Bowley ... he will say goodbye to people in sanctuary then come online."

Outreach Message

Thank you Quispamsis United members from Lori Knappe, representing Prison Fellowship Canada in this area- QUC contributed toward Prison Fellowship Canada's endeavour to purchase Christmas gifts for children on behalf of their incarcerated parents.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

A Star Proclaims – Johann Pachelbel

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):

We have come to God's house

seeking God's Wisdom, seeking God's Guidance, seeking God's embrace.

We have come to this Holy hour

open to light, open to truth, open to a Way forward with Christ.

We have come together

sharing in Love, serving with hope, united in the Holy Spirit.

We have come to worship

Let us lift our voices to God in praise

Prayer of the Day

You, O God, are our parent, partner, and guide. As we enter into this Holy time and space remind us not just of our connectedness to you, but to one another and to creation. speak to us through your Word and show us the Way forward in our lives. As we come to know more fully your word, may it be written on our hearts. We offer this prayer in the name of Christ, our companion on the Way. AMEN.

Hymn: Let us build a House MV 1 (vs 1, 4, & 5)

**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 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:**

Theme Conversation

Lighting the Wreath & Christ Candle (Responsive):

Even in those moments we Wear despair like a comfortable blanket,
the light of Hope shines in our lives.

(light first candle)

When we allow chaos and fear to drive our actions,
the light of Peace shines to show us a new way.

(light second candle)

When we think that all we have left is mourning and misery,
the light of Joy gives us space in our lives in which to dance & sing.

(light third candle)

When our hearts become homes for hate & mistrust,
the light of Love breaks in and reminds us who and whose we all areas children of God.

(light fourth candle)

And all this light comes together as one to scatter darkness and dread, to show us the Way.

With Christ we find Hope for tomorrow, a Peace we have never known, Joy in each sacred moment, and a Love that has no end.

(light Christ candle)

Assurance of God's love

It is easy, when night falls, to think that there is only darkness in the world. But there is so much light to defy the darkness, so much love to stand against hate, so much hope because tomorrow is always a fresh start. May we let the light of God to flow in our lives, a reminder of how precious each of us is. This we pray in the name of Christ, God's light to the world. AMEN

Today's Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Word of our God.

Praise be to you, O Creator.

Solo Aaron MacKinnon will sing "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" by Robert MacGimsey

Message In Relationship with the Divine

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Hymn: O Radiant Christ VU 84

**O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.**

**Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.**

**Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
illumine all we say and do.**

**O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.**

How Can I Give

HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE CHURCH IS CLOSED?

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: As With Gladness Men of Old VU 81 (verse 3)

**As they offered gifts most rare,
at the manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.**

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We are your own children, O God, and all that we have and are comes from you. Receive what We offer of our time, talent, & treasure, receive our very selves as offering this day. Bless all that we bring before you, and use them and us for the building of your Kingdom in this world. We ask this and all things in the strong name of our brother and saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Praying For Ourselves And Others & The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Arise, Your Light Has Come VU 79 (vs 1, 3, & 4)

**Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.**

Commissioning (Responsive):

As seekers, go and find those places where God is at work in the world.

We will go and share God's Word & God's Love.

Open to the call of Christ, go and serve the world.

We are Christ's hands and feet. We will walk in his way and share the peace he brings.

United in the movement of the Spirit, bring healing & hope.

Bound together we go to bring light to the dark places of this world.

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: I Am the Light of the World VU 87 (verse 4)

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.**

**To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old man's heart,
And sing to the colors of the earth! R**

Postlude "Sortie"(Marche) by Rouher