

# Quispamsis United Church

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**Centering Passage:** *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

*-John 1:14, 16-17*

**\*\*\*There will be a Hymn-Sing before Worship,  
so be sure to come/log on early to sing along! \*\*\***

## Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah. VU 651 verses 1 and 3

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## How Great Thou Art - VU 238 verses 1 and 4

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

- 4** When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R

**Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore - VU 563 verses 1 and 4**

- 1** Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.  
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.
- 4** You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R

**Called by Earth and Sky - MV 135 verses 1 and 4**

**Refrain**

- Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high.  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of life sanctified,  
called by earth and sky.
- 1.** Precious these waters, endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream,  
waters of healing, rivers of rain,  
the wash of love again. R
- 4.** Precious the fire that lights our way,  
bright dawning day.  
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,  
our faith and justice one.R

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories  
Celebrations & Announcements**

## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder of the flames of joy and passion of Christ that burn within us. May we be inspired and encouraged by this light.

**Prelude**                    I Need Thee Every Hour - arr. Harold DeCou

### 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 gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God! Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with praise.**

God is Holy and God's love endures forever! God is eternal, and from God all things come into being.

**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.**

We are the children of God, created by and with love.

**Come, let us enter into this sacred space with joy and delight. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise - with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. In harmony with you, Christ puts new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts, especially a new understanding of power. Power shaped by love and righteousness, justice and mercy. We now know that power is not to be used to exploit or dominate, but to serve others as willingly as Jesus did. His life and death demonstrated how the love of power could be transformed by the power of love. We gather here today to celebrate your rule of love in our hearts as we experience it in Jesus and through the enabling gift of your Spirit. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Servant King. Amen

**Hymn:**                    Sing A Happy Hallelujah                    VU 224

**1    Sing a happy hallelujah,  
sing it out with heart and style,  
we're the echo of God's laughter,  
we're the image of God's smile.**

**Hallelujah, all creation,**

**hallelujah everyone!**

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**hallelujah everyone!**

**2 We're the proof of God's good humour,  
we're the twinkle in God's eye,  
made to shine, reflect the glory,  
given light and space to fly. R**

**3 Sarah laughed at God's good timing,  
Mary sang and David danced,  
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,  
so is life for us enhanced. R**

**4 Every day sing hallelujah!  
We are loved, though so absurd,  
human, foolish, chosen people,  
God still takes us at our word! R**

### **Theme Conversation**

#### **Prayer of Illumination & Understanding**

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, we pray. AMEN

**Responsive Scripture:** Psalm 100 (VU 824)

*Refrain:*

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

Shout to God, all the earth:

**worship with gladness and joy.**

Come before God with laughter,

**our maker to whom we belong.**

To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,

**let us raise our voices in song. R**

Come to God's gates with thanks;

**come to God's courts with praise.**

Praise and bless God's name.

**"Truly you are good:**

you are always gracious,

**and faithful age after age." R**

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

**AMEN**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn:** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal

VU 244

- 1 Sing your praise to God eternal,  
sing your praise to God the Son,  
sing your praise to God the Spirit,  
living and forever One.  
God has made us, God has blessed us,  
God has called us to be true.  
God rules over all creation,  
daily making all things new.**
  
- 2 Join the praise of every creature,  
sing with singing birds at dawn;  
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,  
hear their heavenly antiphon.  
Praise God for the light of summer,  
autumn glories, winter snows,  
for the coming of the springtime  
and the life of all that grows.**
  
- 3 Praise God on our days of gladness  
for the summons to rejoice;  
praise God in our times of sadness  
for the calm, consoling voice.  
God our Maker, strong and loving,  
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, Creator Spirit,  
be your holy name adored!**

**How Can I Give?**

**HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH DURING A PANDEMIC?**

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](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/ 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: Doxology**  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Prayer of Dedication (Unison):**

**What you gave to us, you gave freely and with joy. You gave us love, joy, life, and breath. What we return, we give freely and with joy. Receive, O God, the gifts of your children, gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Bless them and us as we make a joyful noise while working to build your kingdom of love and peace. We offer this prayer, and all that we are in the strong name of Christ, who showed us how to give of ourselves. AMEN**

**Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn:** It's A Song of Praise to the Maker MV 30

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
the thrush sings high in the tree.  
It's a song of praise to the Maker,  
The gray whale sings in the sea.

***Refrain***

**And by the Spirit  
you and I can join our voice to the holy cry  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

2. It's a call of life to the Giver  
when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It's a call of life to the Giver  
when high tides break on the shore. R

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;  
the bumblebees hum along.  
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,  
the summer breeze joins the song. R

4. It's the chorus of all creation;  
it's sung by all living things.  
It's the chorus of all creation;  
a song the universe sings. R

## SENDING FORTH

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

God sends us out to bear witness to grace.

**We will sing of all God has done.**

Jesus sends us out into every neighborhood and community.

**We will go to share the burdens of everyone we meet.**

The Spirit sends us out on a journey of joy-filled faithfulness.

**We will go to see everyone through the eyes of compassion.**

### **Benediction**

Now go with the love of God in your hearts, the Peace of Christ in your hand, and the power of the Holy Spirit at your backs to share the good news you've heard this day. AMEN

**Choral Closing:**     May God's Sheltering Wings                     MV 214

**May God's sheltering wings**

**His gathering wings protect you**

**May God's nurturing arms,**

**Her cradling arms sustain you**

**And hold you in Her love,**

**And hold you in His love.**

**Postlude**             On "Darwall's 148th" - arr. Adam Mason