

# Quispamsis United Church

July 25th, 2021 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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## Welcome

## Acknowledgement of Territories

## Celebrations & Announcements

### GATHERING TOGETHER

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

As people on a journey, we know that some of the ways will be dark, and so we light this candle to show us the way. The light of Christ shines brightly, day or night, and in that light we find hope. May it guide us through worship and beyond.

#### Prelude

#### 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.**

#### Opening Prayer

Protecting God, we enter into your presence, humbled by the many ways that you have watched over us, whispered the way to us, and inspired the steps that we have taken on the path that has led us to this place, this moment. We gather to give you praise for that Holy presence, for the companionship that we have found in Christ along the way, and for the ways that the Holy Spirit has strengthened us in those most difficult time.

And yet, even as we approach you we know that there have been many times along the way where we have turned from the path, where we have followed selfish ambition when we could have served you, when we could have served your children. In our prayer, our singing, our reflecting on your Word, may we be reminded of the part that we play in the care of this world and of your people.

May we also find there the grace that you offer freely to all those sojourners on life's way who seek fullness in you. In finding that grace, may we be strengthened for the journey ahead.

Hear us in our worship and our praise this day. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our brother, our companion on the way, Jesus Christ. AMEN

#### Hymn:

I Feel the Winds of God Today

VU 625

**I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.**

**It is the wind of God that dries**

my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above;  
it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift.

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

Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all joyfully and faithfully, seeking you to know you and glorify your name in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. AMEN

**Responsive Scripture:** Psalm 121 (VU 844)

*Refrain:*

*Our help is in the name of our God who made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where will I look for help?

**My help come from God, who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot stumble; the One who protects Israel will not slumber.

**The One who protects you will neither slumber nor sleep. R**

It is God who protects you, your defence at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

God will protect you from all evil, God will protect your life.

**God will protect your going and your coming, now and forever. R**

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

**AMEN**

**Message** Our Help. Our Hope. Our Way

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Anthem**

**Confronting Ableism - Cindy (Video)**

**How Can I Give?**

**HOW CAN I GIVE TO MY CHURCH WHEN THE 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.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

On our way to find you, O God, we have found so many blessings. This life, this moment, this breath, all gifts from you. Even when the way is winding we encounter experiences that transform us, and set us on a whole new path. And so, from the blessings that we have found along the way, we make our offering to you. Receive our time, our talents, our treasures; receive our very lives. Bless all that we give and all that we are as we strive to bring a portion of your kingdom into the way that we live our daily lives. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

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

**Hymn:**

My soul Cries out

MV 120

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**

**Refrain**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and th world is about to turn!**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shames,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,**

for the world is about to turn. R

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears,  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. R

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. R

### SENDING FORTH

#### **Benediction**

Renewed by the knowledge that we are so watched over and protected on the way, may we go boldly to the world to share the grace and love that we have found.

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**

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#### **Confronting Ableism:**

Guidelines to interacting with individuals who have disabilities (excerpt from a Disability Rights Montana publication) -

- Use common sense. People with disabilities want to be treated the same way everyone else is treated. Remember, a person is a person first, the disability comes second.
- Don't be patronizing. Show the person the same respect that you expect to receive from others. Treat adults as adults.

- Be considerate and patient. Anticipate what the person's needs might be and offer assistance when possible. Be patient if the person requires more time to communicate, to walk or to accomplish various tasks.
- Don't put unnecessary pressure on yourself to know and to do everything "right". Be patient with yourself in learning the specific needs of each person. Don't be embarrassed if you find yourself doing or saying the wrong thing. Remember, the person with a disability is usually aware of and sensitive to your discomfort and your good intentions in the situation.
- Don't be afraid to offer assistance. If the person looks as if they need assistance, ASK if there is something you can do. Do not automatically give help unless the person clearly needs it or has asked for it.
- Communicate with the person, not his or her interpreter, companion or assistant. Respect the person's privacy. Refrain from asking questions which would otherwise be inappropriate to ask of any other person (private life, medical condition).
- Be sensitive to their needs. Individuals are much more independent than people give them credit for. Many times, negotiating the physical environment is less frustrating than trying to communicate with people who are not sensitive to their needs.

Follow these guidelines unless someone with a disability tells you they want it done a different way.