

Quispamsis United Church

June 13th, 2021 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn Leader: Marilyn, Heather and Ashlee

Reader: Larry Watson & Ashley Orchard

Centering Passage: *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

-The Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20

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

The Church in the Wildwood

**There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.**

***Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.***

**How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To listen to the clear ringing bells
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale.**

**Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.**

Blessed Assurance

VU 337

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R**

In the Bulb

VU 703

**In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

In the Garden

**I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses**

*And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am his own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known*

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing R

9:55 - Welcome
Acknowledgement of Territories
Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

This light, though just a single flame, represents the light of Christ. But it is not just the light of a man who lived millenia ago, it is a light that shines today in you, in me, in all of us together. Let us find deeper unity in this light as we journey in faith together.

Prelude "Morning Has Broken" - Edward Broughton

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 come, a people weary from the work on the way.

We come seeking the waters of renewal.

We come, a people lost on the way.

We come seeking guidance, Wisdom that will guide us to a new way.

We come, a people yearning for unity and wholeness.

We come, seeking the Spirit that draws us in and sends us out.

Let us worship God together.

Prayer of Approach

God of the Journey, who goes to the end and beyond for love of us, who finds us, embraces us, and brings us to wholeness, we need your help today. We come seeking your inspiration and encouragement as we strive to be people who celebrate one another, lift up each other's accomplishments, and welcome each of your children into this place. Give us the wisdom to see your face in everyone's faces. Give us the humility to shout for joy when our kindred succeed. Give us the arms to embrace each one you draw to yourself. We ask this and all things in the name of Christ, the one who showed us how to love. AMEN

Hymn: We are One VU 402 (vs 1, 2, & 4)

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Theme Conversation Flat Jesus - Carol Cummings

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

We thank you, O God, for the ways that you bring unity, peace and wholeness into our lives. But we must admit that sometimes the work that you call us to do is exhausting. Sometimes we want to wall ourselves off to protect us from the ways we see the world hurting others.

Sometimes we want to close the door to another task of service because we, "already give so much" of ourselves. And sometimes we just want to set the work of unity and wholeness aside for someone else to do. Forgive us those times when we shut down, rather than turn to you for guidance and renewal. Forgive us when we close ourselves to your guiding Spirit. Revive us, we pray. This we offer in the strong name of our brother & Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Assurance of God's Love - Snappy Sermon: God Wants To Recharge Us - Aimee & Jacob Bowley

Today's Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22 (The Message) - Ashlee Orchard

But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.

The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.

Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Children's Song Shout for God

Message An Inside-Out Faith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Come O Fount VU 559

Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God,
came to rescue me from danger,
precious presence, precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debt
or daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
wander from the love I've known:
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,
seal it for your very own.

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 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

Snappy Sermon: Preserving the Fizz of our Faith - Julia & Greg Lapointe

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH

Our Youth and The Summer to Come - Jayda Jenkins, Ben & Ethan Alward

Way to Go Certificates

Congratulations to Graduates Ashlee Orchard and Stuart Hossack

Al Graham Scholarship

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 (Unison):

All of us, young and old, near and far are part of your image, O God. We come together and offer who we are back to you and to your world for the work of bringing love, hope, and community to those who are lost, lonely, and seeking the light. Bless us. Bless our gifts. Use all of it to build your kingdom of peace and unity right here among us. We ask this and all things in the strong name of Christ our Companion on the Way. AMEN

Children's Song Like A Rock

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Though Ancient Walls VU 691

1 **Though ancient walls may still stand proud
and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate,
proclaim God's saving act!**

Walls that divide are broken down;

Christ is our unity!

Chains that enslave are thrown aside;

Christ is our liberty!

- 2 **When vested power stands firm entrenched
and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side,
it's Gospel that we lack. R**
- 3 **The truth we seek in varied scheme,
the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest
for self and world made new. R**
- 4 **The church divided seeks that grace,
that newness we proclaim;
a unity of serving love
that lives praise to God's name! R**
- 5 **This broken world seeks lasting health
and vital unity.
God's people by God's Word renewed,
cast off all slavery! R**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning - Snappy Sermon: Staying Plugged In To God - Ben & Ethan Alward

Benediction

And go into this day and all our days 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 **Recessional on "St. Anne" - Gordon Young**