

# Quispamsis United Church

November 7, 2021 - Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Remembrance Sunday

**Presider:** Rev. Richard Bowley

**Musician:** Lieutenant Stephen Alexander

VIII Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) (Militia)

**Reader:** Heather Alward

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**Centering Passage:** *'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'* Then a voice came from heaven, *'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'*

John 12:27-28

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement of Territories**

**Celebrations & Announcements**

## GATHERING TOGETHER

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

God is not in the wind, the quake, or the fire, but in this flame, we are reminded that God is in us, that Christ works through us, and that the Holy Spirit leads us by Holy light. May we find God's holy presence in this time of worship.

**Opening Music**

The White Cliffs of Dover - Walter Kent, 1942

**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):**

The winds of the world blow around us, calling us, and pushing us this way and that.

**So, we have come to listen for the still small voice of God. Holy One, show us where we are to go.**

The ground shakes from the violence that we have done to one another, a cycle of hate that seems inescapable.

**So, we have come to listen for the still small voice of God. Holy One, show us how we are to love.**

The world burns because we as stewards have forgotten our task to care for the Earth that bore us, preferring that which is convenient over what is best and right.

**So, we have come to listen for the still small voice of God. Holy One, show us what we are to do.**

But God is not in the winds, or the shaking ground, or even in the fire. God is here.

*(Silence)*

God is here.

**So, we have come listen for the still small voice of God. Holy One, show us how to live.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Before you we come Lord of life offering ourselves in worship and praise, for you have blessed us in so many ways. Before you we come, God of Grace, remembering the brokenness in our world, remembering the violence and death that has afflicted your great creation, we seek your forgiveness. Before you we come, prince of peace, seeking your way in which war will be no more, tears wiped away, and joy reigns. Strengthen us as we grow and deepen our relationship with you, that we may more fully live your life in the world. AMEN

**Hymn:** A Voice was Heard in Ramah

MV 111

- 1. A voice was heard in Ramah  
that could not be consoled,  
as Rachel wept for children  
she could no longer hold.  
For Herod ruled the nation,  
yet feared the Infant King.  
How great the devastation  
that fear and anger bring!**
- 2. O God, we hear the crying  
for little ones of yours;  
for many still are dying  
in conflicts and in wars  
in every troubled nation,  
on every violent street,  
how great the lamentation  
when fear and anger meet!**
- 3. Whenever one is weeping,  
the whole world suffers too.  
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them,  
we're also serving you.  
So may we not ignore them,  
nor turn our eyes away,  
but help us labour for them  
to bring a better day.**

4. **O Prince of Peace, you lead us  
in ways of truth and grace.  
May we be brave to practice  
your peace in every place  
to love each fear-filled nation,  
to serve each troubled street,  
how great the celebration  
when peace and justice meet!**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison):**

**On this day of Remembrance, we come seeking your guidance, O God. Our world is full of strife, and many live under the boot of oppression and in the shadow of prejudice. We point to these places and situations and pray that you go so that you do not see the brokenness that is in us, the schisms in our communities, the wounds of your people close to home. But you know us. Like Elijah, we might run but you will find us. Forgive us for the part that we play in the pain that is suffered in this community. Forgive us those times where in our speaking we bring harm to your children. Forgive us those times when our silence allows prejudice to reign. Hear us, O God, and forgive us. Seek us out and speak your grace into our lives, we pray. AMEN**

**Assurance of God's Love**

The good news of not being able to hide from God is just that. We can offer up our whole selves to God, knowing that we are loved, that there is always a hand reaching out to lead us on, a voice calling out to encourage us. Thanks be to God for such a love as this!

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**

**National Anthem:**

**O Canada**

**VU 524**

**O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

## Laying of the Wreaths - VIDEO

### Honor Roll

**Anthem:** Flanders Fields

### Last Post

### Moment of Silence

### Reveille

### Words of Remembrance (Responsive):

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

**Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

**Theme Conversation** Why We Remember

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

### Sung Prayer of Illumination

Listen God is Calling

MV 97

**Listen, listen, God is calling,  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness,  
comfort, and joy.**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Kings 19:1-18

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for

forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also, you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Herein is Wisdom.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**                      Strength in Silence

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

**Hymn:**                      Come and Find the Quiet Center                      VU 374

**1      Come and find the quiet centre  
          in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
          find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
          clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
          be at peace, and simply be.**

**2** Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

**3** In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

#### **How Can I Give?**

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**Offertory Dedication Hymn:** Grant us God VU 540  
Grant us God the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living,  
we may offer faithfully.



