

Quispamsis United Church

September 5th, 2021 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn Leaders: Marilyn Robertson, Heather Alward & Ashlee Orchard

Readers: Barb McBean

Centering Passage: *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'*

-John 4:24-26

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territories

Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder of endings and beginnings, and of the light of Christ that shines before and after. Let us follow this light as we offer praise to God in this time.

Opening Music

Father, We Praise Thee - arr Wilbur Held

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):

Praise be to God!

We come to praise God in Holy times, in Holy places.

Praise be to God!

We offer praise to God at all times, in all places.

Praise be to God!

With heart, and voice; with soul, and strength, we praise God with our very being.

Let us worship together.

-based on Psalm 150

Opening Prayer

We come to you today, O God, with praise on our lips, joy in our souls, and gratitude in our hearts for the lives you have given us, the blessings you have poured on us, for the very breath that fills our lungs. Send your Spirit into our midst, into this sanctuary, into our homes, and enliven us as we sing, as we pray, as we find our way through your Holy Word. Catch us when we stumble, when we hold back our praise because we are worried about what others think, when we turn from you and offer only ourselves the praise that is yours. Forgive us our missteps. Forgive us our sin. Mend, O God, the broken pieces of our soul, and put a song in our hearts again. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our friend. AMEN

Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King VU 217

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

- 4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

5 **Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Theme Conversation What does Praise sound like?

Prayer of Illumination & Understanding

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to our souls. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen

Responsive Reading: Psalm 150 VU

Refrain:

Praise to the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody Praise the Lord.

Praise God in the holy temple!

Praise God for mighty deeds!

Praise God for bountiful mercies,

Praise God who meets all our needs! R

Praise God with the sound of trumpet!

Praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with timbrel and dancing!

Praise God wherever you are! R

Praise God with holy symbols!

Praise God with strings and with pipes!

Praise God With The clash of cymbals!

Praise God with all your might! R

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Ending with Praise. Beginning with Praise.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: Praise the Lord VU 245

- 1** Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
- 2** Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

How Can I Give?

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/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.

5/ 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):

In our songs and in our words, we give praise to you, O God. In our worship and service, we glorify your name Loving God, for all that you have done; for all that you have given to us, we worship you. Bless what we give of ourselves that others might experience your love. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of Christ, our companion on the way. AMEN.

Prayer for Ourselves & Others and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: O For A Thousand Tongues VU 326

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
 my great Redeemer's praise,
 the glories of my God and King,
 the triumphs of God's grace.**

- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
 that bids our sorrows cease;
 'tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'tis life and health and peace.**

- 3 He speaks, and listening to his voice,
 new life the dead receive,
 the mournful broken-hearts rejoice,
 the humble poor believe.**

- 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,
 your tongues again employ;
 you blind, behold your Saviour comes,
 and leap, you lame, for joy!**

5 **My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of your name.**

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning (Responsive):

Though we have reached the end of one road,

God calls to us, and invites us to walk another.

Be blessed by what the Psalms have shown you through these weeks.

We will carry Holy Wisdom with us into the world.

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.

Closing Music Grand Chorus in F - Ceasar Franck