Quispamsis United Church

August 8th, 2021 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost **Presider:** Rev. Richard Bowley **Music Director:** Stephen Alexander

Welcome Acknowledgement of Territories Celebrations & Announcements

GATHERING TOGETHER

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle, a reminder of Christ's presence with us. And in this flame we find comfort, strength, refuge in the midst of hardship. May this light guide us through this time of worship, and into the day. May God's presence envelope and guide us.

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

We enter, O God, into the shelter of this time and place, into the shelter of your love. And as we acknowledge your protective grace, we see that it has been with us all along, that you have been with us all along. And So we gather to praise you for your powerful love and continued presence, and to seek your guidance on the roads of our lives.

But even as we praise you for the shelter of your love, we know that there have been times in our lives where we have run from your presence, where we have charged headlong into struggle and strife. We have ignored your wisdom, and set aside your grace that was freely given. In our prayers, our songs, and our reflection, may we be inspired to turn again to your light, and find our rest in you.

Remind us, O God, that no matter how far we think we are from you that we need only turn and find you waiting to embrace us.

We offer this and all our prayers in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive our praise, and move in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Hymn:

There is Room for all MV 62 (X3) There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing; there is room for all sheltered in God's love. And I rejoice and sing, "My Refuge and my rock, in whom I trust." There is room for all, there is room for all.

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 46 (VU 770)

Refrain:

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

God is our refuge and our strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the Earth should quake, and the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

Though the waters of the sea rage and foam, and the mountains tremble at the tumult. R

There is a river, whose streams make glad the city of God, sanctifying the dwelling of the most high.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved. God will help at the break of day.

Nations are in tumult, Empires are shaken;

for God speaks of the earth melts away.

The God of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. R

Come and see what God has done, the wonders wrought upon the Earth.

God makes wars to cease in all the world, God breaks the bow and snaps the spear, and burns the shield in the fire.

Be still and know that I am God,

Exalted among the nations, exalted in the Earth.

The God of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. R

God bless to our understanding, this Holy Word.

AMEN

Message Our Refuge and Our Strength

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Confronting White Privilege - Leslie (Video)

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- 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

Out of your limitless love, you give us so much to be grateful for. And so we thank you for all that we are because of your guidance and presence. From what we have gained in this life we give back to you, O God. Out of our very being, we give you ourselves. Bless all that we give, all that we are as we strive to build your kingdom of sheltering love in our lives today. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our brother and Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Prayer for Ourse	lves & Others and The Lord's Prayer	
Hymn:	How Great Thou Art	VU 238
	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,	

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

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!" [Refrain]

SENDING FORTH

Benediction

In God we find strength for the road ahead. In God we have an eternal shelter for when the road becomes too winding. In God we find hope for tomorrow in the shadow of today. 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