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(Stand as able *)

Ministry Of Music:

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday's & Special Occasions: (Tune to Happy Birthday)

We celebrate you, in all that you do
We love you, God bless you.
Let us celebrate you.

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Gather with the crowds to await the coming of Jesus.

People: We have taken his words to heart; we are moved by his compassion.

Leader: Rejoice with the disciples that God's anointed One has courageously chosen to enter the city.

People: We recognize the evil forces Jesus will encounter; we will stand with him.

Leader: Cheer with the crowd; Blessed is he who comes in God's name.

All: Blessed indeed God's Kingdom is close, Hosanna in the highest!

***Introit:** # MV 4 "All Who are Thirsty"

Prayer Of Approach:

We come today and stand with those who welcome God's anointed One. We rejoice in Jesus courage, for we see in our world today the threat of religious and military powers. We rejoice that Jesus had his friends and disciples with him as He entered Jerusalem but we also know the story and the difficulty they had in withstanding the stress of that day. We rejoice that the onlookers were able to join in the parade but also realize that they were

confused about the identity of Jesus. Be present, my friends as we seek to meet Jesus in the story of His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In His name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: # VU 123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 118 VU 837

Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, go, go, with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: MV 128 "When They Heard Jesus was Coming" (Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Gifts; clothes strewn in his path, a carpet of palm branches; tokens of loyalty and enthusiasm are gifts of thanksgiving, commitment, and service. Volunteer hours, monetary gifts, and sharing in this community of faith are what we offer. Bless each gift for they are offered in the name of Christ. Amen.

***Hymn: # VU 357 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

Leader: On His last journey, the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus was acclaimed with joy.

People: When our worship lacks joy and enthusiasm, O God forgive us.

Leader: On His last journey, the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus was encouraged by His disciples.

People: When our discipleship is faith hearted and lacks staying power O God forgive us.

Leader: On His last journey into Jerusalem, Jesus was confronting evil and self-serving powers and groups.

People: When we compromise with evil, and seek to control the vulnerable and powerless, O God forgive us. (Time of silence....)

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: When all is going well, it is easy to support the way of Christ, but when the difficult days come, it is easy to walk away.

People: You are with us in the good days O God, but you are also with us when we are tired and tested. You are with us when we confess our lack of loyalty and trust. You are with us when we confess our fear of those who seek control and power. You are with us as we renew our determination to take a stand with Jesus. You will never leave us in all eternity.

Leader: In Christ we have a new start; for pardon and peace are God's gift to us.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The New Creed: (Sung)

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1 – 11 & Matthew 26:14 - 25

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: "Take a Journey"

Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:

***Hymn: # VU 232 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go from this church with the sound of hosannas ringing in your ears.

People: We will take heart; Jesus is honored and accepted.

Leader: The palms are waved, the sights of celebration are around you.

People: We will rejoice; God's realm is on the way.

Leader: The disciples are in solidarity with Jesus.

People: We are determined to strengthen our faith community.

Leader: There is a cross on a hill in the distance.

Together: In these joyful days we will not forget that the time of hard testing is never far away, but we leave with the blessing of God; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer! Amen.

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace"

**God grant us grace,
And peace to share
Faith, joy, and mercy good.
Sent from this place,
Renewed to share;
With all God's neighbourhood.**



**Today's Bulletins Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Martha Carver
Presented by
Walter, Pat Carver & Family**

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH –

- If you are visiting with us today we welcome you and encourage you to sign our guest book located in the foyer of the building.
- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m..
- Anyone who would like to donate yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group of Central Queens United Church it would be greatly appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Group makes shawls to give to folks in retirement homes, hospital and new mothers etc..
- Please Note that there is a large wooden box in the foyer where you may place your items for the **FOOD BANK**. The box will be there year round. We ask that you remember the poor in your prayers and donate to the food bank as you are able.
- **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2017:** United Church Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by

United Church people. Congregation members are invited to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day/event or to offer a memorial for a deceased loved one and to help cover the costs of bulletins for our church. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

- **Central Queens United Church Cookbook** - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our new cookbooks, please call Karla t 964-2221 or 393-9071. These cookbooks would make a great wedding gift, bridal shower gift, birthday gift or even a gift to save for your children when they venture out into the world on their own.

- We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: April 16 – *Easter Sunday* - Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Voices United 837); Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

- An announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 a.m. and it will also be posted on our web-site.

- **FUND SCRIP** – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards with a variety of cards on hand. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program she will be happy to answer your questions. Each month there are promotions available. April's promotions are the Swiss Chalet / Montana's 5% up from 3% and Giant Tiger 5% up from 3%

- We are pleased for the first time to participate in the **Fundraising Campaign with Vesey's Bulbs**. We will be selling summer bulbs, flower & vegetable seeds, seed mats, perennials.... There are over 50 items listed in the catalogue. You don't need a large backyard to have a green thumb! There are sprouts, herbs, container plants. Central Queens United Church will earn 50% profit on everything we sell. If you would like to take a catalogue to work, home, or just place a personal order contact Pat Carver at 902 628-7669. The catalogue can be viewed at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/43c30353b50c4a0de2c2c96f7/file/s/2017_SPRING_CAT_CAN_JPG2.pdf

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- **Need Help!** Some people need help completing their **Income Tax and Benefit Returns**. That's why, every year, volunteers working with community, organizations and individuals give their time to help. Find out more about this service by visiting the Canada Revenue Agency's Web page at www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer or phone 1-800-959-8281. Fred Stilwell will be volunteering again this year from our community. If you would like Fred to do your 2016 taxes (free of charge) please call 902-628-8472.

- Central Queens United Church voted in 4 new elders – We welcome Lois Lajeunesse, Janet Howes, Walter Carver and Janice MacKenzie and we would like to thank our 4 retiring elders Kim Rodd, Trevor Campbell, Fred Stilwell and Joan D. Bernard for their years of commitment.

- Time to learn the basis of membership in the United Church of Canada? If you are a youth or adult and are thinking about being confirmed in our church, or you want to transfer your membership from another congregation or denomination then please speak to the minister or call the church office at 902-964-2221.

- We are looking for **Volunteers** to sign up for our **After Church Luncheon and Tea**. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You!

- **April 9th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- **Bible Study** to be held at Rev. Barb's House

- **April 11th** -- Tuesday – 7 p.m. – **Rural Beautification Garden Workshop** to be held at Central Queens United Church. Speaker to be announced. Register to attend by calling church office (964-2221) or Sharon (621-0724). 20 people maximum.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

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- April 11th -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – Queens UCW to be held at Joan George Bernard home. Program: Margaret Smith; Worship: Joan George Bernard; Word: “Hands”. Please Note: Correction of time.

- April 12th -- Wednesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is pleased to host the musical group, "Country Legends, Men of the Century". The performers will pay tribute to Ronnie Milsap, Jean Watson, Johnny Cash and Merle Haggart. Singers and musicians include Kendall Docherty, Larry Campbell, Brian Knox, Hartz Godkin, Jimmy Platts and Peter Burke. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Light refreshments served. A wonderful evening of exceptional talent!

- April 13th – Thursday – 8:30 p.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church. Please Note Change of Date.

- April 16th -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – Choir Practice to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- April 20th -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

- April 22nd -- Saturday – The PEI Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting will be held at Park Royal United Church, 1 Christie Drive, Charlottetown. Registration begins at 9:30; Cost: \$8.00. Bring lunch to share. AM: Business; PM Memorial and communion services and guest speakers: Hank and Rowena Stinson.

- April 23rd -- Sunday – 12:30 p.m. – Central Queens United Church invites you to attend its 12 months of activities to celebrate its 10 year Anniversary. April's activity is a Friendship Soup meal, inviting the Refugee Committee and the Syrian family to join us.

- ~April 27 Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Presbytery Meeting at Central Queens United Church.

- June 15th - Thursday - 7:45 p.m. Official Board Meeting. We will be voting on Remit 4: Funding a New Model. Please visit gc42.ca/remits for information on the remit.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- April 10th – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe United Church Ceilidh will be Host Larry Campbell will be joined by "The Trio" - Jolee Patkai, Marcella Richard, and Keila Glydon. A lunch will be served. Admission is \$10 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

- April 16th – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Ceilidh is planned for Kelly's Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, April 14th.

- April 19, 20, 21 & 22th -- 7:30 p.m. -- Winsloe Players presents “Nosey Mrs. Wilson”, a three act comedy directed by Barb Perry. All proceeds to support the QEH/Eastlink Telethon. The play will be presented at Carrefour Theatre. Tickets are available at: Winsloe Irving ([902-569-0166](tel:902-569-0166)), the QEH Foundation ([902-894-2425](tel:902-894-2425)), Proude's Shoes ([902-894-3504](tel:902-894-3504)) and from Barb Perry ([902-368-2620](tel:902-368-2620)). Tickets: Adults - \$15.00 Children 12 & Under - \$8.00 . Calling all fudge makers! The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge, to be sold at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you are able to donate this sweet treat to help raise money for the QEH please contact Barb Perry at 902-368-2620. Thank you!

- April 22nd – Saturday – 8 a.m. – 12 noon -- Spring Park United Church Annual Yard Sale -- *Coffee, tea and snacks available for purchase*. Proceeds to benefit the United Church Women, the Church & a Youth Group event. Unsold items donated to the Mikinduri Children of Hope for their sale in May.

- April 23rd – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Service of Gospel Music presented by the Men of the Harvest at St. John's United Church in Mount Stewart. Tickets available at the door or by calling Shirley Affleck (676-2549). Adults \$10.00, children six and under Free.

- April 27th -- Thursday -- The Presbytery meeting start at 7:00 p.m. but there will be committee meetings that start at 6:00 p.m.

- **May 5th – Friday – Gala Dinner 2017 (A fundraiser in support of AST) From Syria with Chocolate: One New Canadian Family’s Story with Guest Speaker Tareq Hadhad. The Lord Nelson Hotel 1515 South Park Street, Halifax, NS; Friday, May 5th Reception 6 pm / Dinner 7 pm... Tickets \$150 per person or \$1,500 per table of 10. Reserve your spot before Friday, April 14. Details on our website: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/home/events/gala-2017.html>**

- **May 6th -- Saturday – 9 – 1:30 p.m. – Giant Yard Sale to be held at the Eastlink Center for Mikinduri Children of Hope. This is a small community in Africa. See bulletin board for more information.**

- **May 13th – Saturday – Variety Show to be held at Spring Park United Church Sanctuary; 65 Kirkwood Drive, Charlottetown. Doors open at 6:30, concert begins at 7 p.m. . . Tickets can be purchased from Glenda Frizzell 902-894-9279 or at the church office 902-368-1822. Tickets are \$12 per person at the door or \$10 per person if bought in advance. Concert Featuring: Treble with Girls, Brian Dunn, Betty Lou Jordan & Kenny Downe, and Step by Step, Jill Chandler, Randy Burrows and other special guests.**

- **May 13th -- Saturday – 1:30 p.m. – Hunter River Lion’s Club presents “Fun In The Sun” Fashion Show. Fashions by Go Girl. Tickets \$10 each, There will be desert, tea, coffee and table favors. Tickets available by contacting Lions Club members.**

- **June 16th – Friday -- 6 p.m. – midnight -- Cancer Changes Everything. So Can You. Join your family, friends and neighbors at Confederation Landing Park on Friday, June 16 from 6pm to midnight for the 2017 Queens County Relay For Life. Whether you are cheering on survivors, walking the track, passing the baton to your teammate or joining in exciting trackside activities, Relay For Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a journey.. Every dollar raised by Relay for Life participants makes a difference. Money raised funds Canada’s most promising cancer research to save more lives, ensures no one has to face cancer alone and helps stop cancer before it starts. For more info go to www.cancer.ca and click “get involved” (Gail at [902-566-4007](tel:902-566-4007).)**