

Central Queens United Church

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(Stand as able *)

Prelude:

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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We have gathered here, having lived another week of hustle and bustle; of busy days in the field, in the office, in the store, in the shop.

People: We have gathered here, having lived a week of relaxation and leisure; of quiet days at the beach or in the garden.

Leader: We have been busy running the roads, or enjoying a road trip.

People: We have had times of worry and weariness; times of cheer and contentment.

Leader: No matter what our week was like, we have gathered here in this place to pause, to take a quiet breath.

People: We gather to pray and praise, to sing and wonder. We gather to be refreshed.

All: Let us worship God.

Introit: VU # 402 (Vs. 1) "We Are One"

Prayer Of Approach: (Unison)

Holy God, we have gathered here, in this sacred place of rest and nurture. We come seeking your presence. We thirst for your spirit and hunger for your Word. From your abundance, we ask for a portion, generous God. Feed our souls. Grant us peace and grace. Strengthen us and help us, for we are your people, and you are our God. Be with us now in our time of worship, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: # 660 "How Firm a Foundation"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 17 (Voices United 739)

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

Go, Go, Go, with God

Have peace within your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart.

***Hymn: MV# 65 "When We are Tested"**

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

God, I messed up sometimes last week. Those worthy things I was going to do, well, I never got around to doing them. And some of the things I did do, were not very helpful or kind. When I could have been encouraging, I was silent. When I could have offered helping hands, I kept my hands in my pockets. When I could have been generous, I walked away. When I should have turned to you for help, I just turned to me. I am sorry, God. Forgive me. Help me to be better this week. Amen.

Assurance Of Pardon:

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

Special Music: Debbie Hood

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "Encounters with God"

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Special Music: Debbie Hood

Presentation of Our Gifts To God:

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

*** Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

God of growth and bounty, Source of all good things: we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts be as loaves and fishes, multiplied and shared for those in need. May this act of giving bring about change: change in our lives, change in the lives we touch. Through Christ, who gave so much, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: # 705 vv. 1,2,5,6 "For All the Saints"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Leader: Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts with which Christ has fed you. Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly. Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence. Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere; may Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word; and may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you and fill you with God's presence always.

People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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Choral Benediction: VU # 963

May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the Holy Spirit keep us,
now and ever. Amen.

Postlude:



Today's Bulletin Are Placed
In Loving Memory
Of My Mother
Annabel Schnurr
August 19, 1915 - August 2, 1990
Lovingly Remembered
By
Mo Prouse & Family

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- Central Queens United Church would like to thank Roland Easter for leading our service this morning. We would also like to thank Debbie Hood for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

- 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..

- 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.

- 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..

- **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 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: August 13 – *Tenth after Pentecost*; Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (Voices United 828-829 Parts One and Two); Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

- **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. Sears cards are not available at this time. Anyone who wish to pay by e-transfer – we are now set up to accept e-transfer.

- 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.

- **Special Music for August – September 10th**

August 13 – Eugene Burke

August 20 – Christine Belanger and Cindy Easter

August 27 – Julie Mills

September 3 – Kirk Neville

September 10 – Helena Stead, Nancy Rackham, and Janet Stead

- **August 13th** - Sunday – 7:00 p.m. – **Central Queens United Church** invites you to attend 12 months of activities to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. August's activity is a **Outdoor Song Service**. Jericho Road and Judy McGregor and Joan Reeves will be performing. **Bring your chairs or sit in your car. Rain or shine!**

- **August 17th** -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Rosewood Service** to be led by the United Church Men.

- **August 20th** – Sunday – 7:30 p.m. – **Dino Dunsford & Friends Concert** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **Church Mouse Thrift Shop:** The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 391 Nelson Street (TCH), Crapaud, will be open on Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 am – Noon, from June - October. . **Something for everyone: books, CDs, men's, women's and children's clothing, home furnishings, dishes, collectables and much more!** For information please contact: Connie at [902-658-2333](tel:902-658-2333) or Heather at [902-658-3162](tel:902-658-3162).

- **August 6th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- Special fund raiser **Ceilidh** will be held at Kelly's Cross Community Centre. Entertainment will feature Gordie Myers, Florence Larkin, Elmer Doiron, Ron MacLean, Mike Johnston, Gary Myers, John Gallant, Mildred Dover and Ralph McQuaid. Guests include Jim Gorman, Trudy Corbett, Donnie MacKinnon, Theresa Hudson, Pat Molyneaux, The Dunn Family, The Arsenault Family and Floyd McDonald.

- **August 13th** -- Sunday – 7 p.m. – **The Ladies of Distinction – A Tribute Concert** are performing at the Stanley Bridge Center. If you have any questions call Murdoch Morrisson at 902-963-2435.