

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

June 14, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Second after Pentecost

Central Queens Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

Introit

Call to Worship

Strangers visit Abraham and Sarah,
and they welcome them with a feast!
How wonderful!

Strangers promise Sarah and Abraham
a child in their old age!

Too wonderful!?

Strangers leave Abraham and Sarah
To wait and ponder:

Is anything too wonderful for God?

Let us worship our Wonder-full God!

Hymn “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” VU #559

Prayer of Approach

**Holy One, who we so often don't recognize,
come into our midst and make your presence known!**

**Renew our strength,
refresh our dreams,
retool our weary efforts
to carry your Peace into the world.**

**Amaze us with your power to make all things new
And let us face your world with curiosity and hope.
In the name of the One who leads us on the Way, Jesus, the
Christ.**

With our brother Jesus, we say this prayer...

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

¹² What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

Hymn "Let us with a Gladsome Mind"

VU #234

All God's Children

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

The Psalmist writes: I love our God, who heard my cries and prayers! Let us offer our gifts to God at this time, to support the life and work of the people of God in our community, and around the world.

Offertory

“What Can I Do?”

MV #191

Presentation of Offering

Offertory Prayer

**Holy One, accept these gifts and multiply them
so that the wonder of your love, and justice and peace
may be known throughout the world! Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent

to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Anthem "Amazing Grace"

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

Hymn "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" VU #472

Blessing

Go forth from this time together
with hearts open to the surprising,
inexhaustible love of God.

Greet friends and strangers with the gifts of Christ:
mercy, and justice, and joy.

Expect the Spirit to meet us wherever we are, in struggle, in grief,

and in peace.

Ponder: is anything too wonderful for God?

Choral Benediction

Postlude