

**Central Queen's Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada**

**May 31, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**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**

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**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**Bible Presentation**

**Introit**

**"Spirit of Life"**

**VU #381**

**Call to Worship**

O God, the works of your hands are numerous!  
Your creative power  
is evident throughout the Earth.  
I will sing to you as long as I live,

**I will praise you with every breath I take.**

The waters of Earth are great and mighty  
and the works of your hands --  
great and small --  
find a home in their droplets and waves.  
I will sing to you as long as I live,  
**I will praise you with every breath I take.**

All creation looks to you  
to give food in each season.  
When you send out your spirit  
everything comes to life,  
and we are created anew.  
I will sing to you as long as I live,  
**I will praise you with every breath I take.**

As your created  
We come before you in joy and celebration.  
We come and worship you.

**\*Hymn**

“Deep In Our Hearts”

MV #154

### **Prayer of Approach**

**Holy Spirit,  
diverse and varied as we are, you gather us together,  
like a mother bird stretching wide her wings.  
Today we draw strength from your life and energy,  
and lift our hearts in praise to you. Amen.**

with Jesus we pray this ancient 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 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—  
<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.  
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

**Hymn**                    “To Show by Touch and Word”                    VU # 427

## **All God’s Children**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit poured out on the Church, preparing Christ’s followers to serve in the world. So let us offer our gifts to God this day, to build up the Church, its ministry and mission wherever the Spirit leads.

**Offertory**                    “What Can I Do?”                    MV #191

#### **Presentation of Offering**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we bring today so that they accomplish surprising things in Jesus’ name. We offer ourselves, too, so that our lives may proclaim the Good News with your grace and power. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Readings

#### Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.'

### **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

### **John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

### **Anthem**

### **Sermon**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken our love for God, let your flames warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ and dare us to do great things in his name.

Spirit of Power and Promise,

**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us energy to serve you in Christ’s church. Open our eyes to recognize needs for ministry and mission, and to learn from this time when we have had to do things differently in worship and pastoral care. Open our hearts to connect with those for whom the time of social distancing has been very difficult.

Open our hands to share in the tasks that need doing,  
and open our lips in prayer and praise.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and give us understanding:  
For those whose lives seem so different from ours  
and those facing situations because of the pandemic that we didn't  
encounter; understanding for those with whom we've disagreed;  
and for problems and challenges we will now face at home, at work, and in  
your world as we try to recover from the effects of coronavirus.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring healing  
for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment,  
made so much keener because of isolation;  
healing for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief,  
and for those who face stress and pressure as they try to rebuild their lives.  
Bring healing to the earth, to places of upheaval and to ecosystems at risk.

Spirit of Power and Promise,  
**Blow through us and renew our faith.**

Wind of the Spirit, blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in  
Christ Jesus. Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers,  
equipped to serve the world you love in his name. Amen.

### **Responding to the Word**

**Hymn** "Fire of God, Undying Flame" VU #209

### **Blessing**

God the Creator, Divine Wisdom, blesses us with gifts and grace;  
God the Plain-Bearer, Divine Word, gives us good news to share;  
God the Life-Giver, Divine Spirit, works in our lives to bring faith,  
hope and love.

**We go to share God's gifts and grace,  
to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus,  
and live in the Spirit. Amen.**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**