

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

**November 15, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Baptism**

**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**

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit - welcome! All are welcome here. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Once there was a person who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him. "Who are you?" and he said, "I am the light."

## Quiet Preparation for Worship

### Bible Presentation

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Hear the waters of baptism calling  
and inviting us to be renewed  
by this sign of God's love.  
We answered the call to be God's people  
and we live in the ways of the Christ.

Hear the Spirit of God among us  
reminding us that we are  
beloved children of God.  
We answered the call to be God's people  
and we live in the ways of the Christ.

Let us gather to worship in the assurance  
of God's unconditional love. Let us worship God.

### Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

VU #232

### Prayer of Approach

Creator God,  
the baptismal waters remind us of creation  
and we remember you have created us as your  
people.

#### **This is good news!**

You sent your child, Jesus,  
to be the presence of love among us  
and to show us how to be more loving.

**This is good news!**

You sent your Spirit to teach us  
how to please you  
with our words and actions.

**This is good news!**

As we received our good news,  
help us to be good news for others.

*We share in the ancient prayer Jesus prayed ...*

**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 43-44**

VU #768-769

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Hymn**

**“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**

VU #442

**Introduction**

Sisters and brothers, let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

**Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.**

(based on Ephesians 4:4-6)

### **Presentation**

On behalf of the congregation of Central Queens Pastoral Charge I present the following people for initiation into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Cillion Thomas Shiels**

**Johnny Declan Shiels**

### **Profession of Faith**

Desiring freedom of new life in Christ, do you promise to resist evil and live in love and justice with all people, celebrating each as a unique person of God?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you believe in God, Source of Love, in Jesus the Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in the mission and ministry of Christ's church?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you share with your child the Christian life, and seek to grow with them in faith, hope, and love?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**Congregational Commitment** (please stand)

Let us pledge to Declan and Ashley our support and care.

**As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

**May God grant us all the grace to live our baptism.**

**A Statement of Faith: United Church New Creed**

We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

*(water is poured)*

Gracious and Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and, within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation; by water comes the growth of the earth. Through water you led the children of Israel to freedom; in the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen**

## **Baptism**

**N** I baptize you in the name of the God (Source of Love), and of the Jesus (Love incarnate), and of the Holy Spirit (Love's power). **Amen**

## **Blessing**

May the blessing of the one God, Mother and father of us all, be with you today and always. **Amen**

## **Signing of the Cross**

**N**, with the sign of the cross, you are claimed as Christ's for ever. **Amen**

## **Laying on of Hands**

**N**, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful witness of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

### **Giving of a Candle**

Receive this candle, it symbolizes that in Baptism we have passed from darkness into light. Shine as a light in this world, to the glory of God.

### **Welcome**

In the hold of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ. We are inheritors of God's promise. In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you. Amen

**Baptismal Benediction**    May God Who Creates You    VU #454

**May God who creates you give you light;  
may God who sustains you make you wise;  
may God who protects you give you joy,  
may God who surrounds you give you peace.**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Offertory Invitation**

Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life,  
so are the blessings God pours upon us daily.  
Let us now joyfully offer our tithes, pledges, and offerings

with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God's love.

**Offertory**

What Can I Do?

MV #191

**Presentation of Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Giver and Sustainer of Life,  
pour out your blessing upon these gifts  
and upon all who give from their hearts.  
Multiply them so they reach farther  
than our imaginations can carry them.  
In the blessed name of our God, we pray. Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Reading**

**Jonah 2:3-6**

You cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

<sup>4</sup> Then I said, 'I am driven away  
from your sight;

how shall I look again  
upon your holy temple?'

<sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped around my head

<sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land

whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the Pit,  
O LORD my God.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

### **Responding to the Word**

**Hymn**

“Here I Am, Lord”

VU #509

**Blessing**

Remember you are a beloved child of God.

**We will live for God.**

You have been baptized as a follower of Christ.

**We will live for God!**

You are made one in the Spirit of God.

**We will live for God!**

Go forth in the love of God, the grace of Christ and the  
unity of the Spirit .

**We will live for God! Amen**

### **Extinguishing of the Candle**

I'm going to change the light so it is not just in one place any  
more. It can be in many places all at once. Watch.

### **Choral Benediction**

### **Postlude**