

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 22, 2021 – 10:30 am
Thirteenth Sunday 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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Greeting

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift. We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ. May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose. May we be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Call to Worship

People of God! Why have you come?
We have come to celebrate God's healing presence among us.
Servants of God! Why have you come?
We have come to be refreshed, to be renewed, to be sent out.
Children of God! Why have you come?
We have come to worship together.
Then let us do so with joy and gladness.

*Hymn Come In, Come In and Sit Down VU #395
Chorus, Vs 1,2 & 4, Chorus

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy and gracious God,
At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Listening for God's Word

Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacred Readings

Ephesians 6:10-20
Responsive Psalm 34:15-22 (Last Stanza) VU #762
John 6:56-69

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

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

*Presentation of Offering

*Offertory Prayer

We now dedicate this offering to the work of Your kingdom here on earth.

May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that Your love may be known widely.

As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too, for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves.

Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace.

For this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying;

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer. . .

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy VU #271

*Blessing

***Choral Benediction** God Be with You till We Meet Again VU #422 vs 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

Vacation – Greg is on vacation from August 2 – September 8th.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Judy Corey for leading our worship service this morning. Norma Hermann will be leading our worship service next Sunday, August 29th.

Life and Work of Our Church

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Please wear your mask while singing. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be September 5th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Yard Sale – Central Queens United Church will be hosting a yard sale here on Saturday, August 28th, from 8 am – 1 pm. Church members are encouraged to contribute articles in good condition as well as craft and baked goods. Articles for the sale can be donated at the church during regular business hours or on Sundays.

Set-up on Friday, August 27th, at 6 pm. All volunteers needed, please. For further information, contact Lois at 902-621-0669 or Velda at 902-964-2210.

Church Calendar Renewal Time – Renewal time is here again! The Church calendars order is to be in by August 31st. Anyone that have changes to their family list, please call the Church office at 964-2221 or Debbie at 964-2882. There will be forms at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to add their family to the calendar. The calendars will be ready for delivery by mid-November. The cost is \$10.00.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Food Bank – Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – Central Queens Emmaus Walkers will be taking a break over the summer. See you in September!!

Bookworms United will be on recess until September 4th. More details to follow.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

I AM CONTENT

I do not ask to understand
All that the great minds know.
I ask but one small steady light
To guide me as I go;
One sturdy strand of faith that holds
And will not let me fall;
One firm conviction in my heart
To rout temptation's call.
I do not ask to understand
The power that reigns above –
I am content that in my heart
I know His boundless love.
By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

