

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
February 21, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Lent 1

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

\*Introit                      Come All You People                      MV #2 x2

\*Call to Worship

As we travel this Lenten pathway,  
we journey together, a community of faith.

**As we travel this Way of Jesus,  
we journey together, but also alone.**

Practising our faith:

**living Christ's call:  
to love God with all that we are,  
to love our neighbour  
as we love ourselves.**

Practising our faith:

**as stewards on the Way.**

\*Hymn                      Forty Days and Forty Nights                      VU #114

Prayer of Approach

God of the hungry times,  
God of the difficult times,  
God of all the times of our lives,  
we need to talk.  
Sometimes it's difficult to understand  
the direction we need to go.  
With all the choices we have in our lives,  
sometimes we're not sure  
when to say "Yes,"  
or when to say "No."  
So we ask for your guidance.  
We ask for wisdom.  
We ask for Spirit.  
In our worship, in our work,  
in our choices, in our lives.  
May it be so, loving God!

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

Psalm 25:1-10                      Lead Me in Your Truth, O God                      VU #752

\*Hymn                      Know That God is Good                      Video

All God's Children

Prayer of Confession

You speak, O God, but we are not always listening.  
**Sometimes other voices are louder or more persuasive.**  
You show us your way, Holy One; but we are not always looking.  
**Sometimes other ways seduce us with their ease or power.**  
You give us choices, now help us to learn your will.  
**Lead us, Great Spirit, to walk your way on any road we travel.**

Kyrie

Assurance of God's Love

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Offertory Invitation

**Offertory** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

### \*Presentation of Offering

### \*Offertory Prayer

We do not live on bread alone,  
but by your Word, loving God.  
May that Word fill our hearts and our hands,  
all that we have, and all that we are,  
that it may be a blessing in your world.  
In Jesus' name, we ask it. Amen.

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Readings

Genesis 9:8-17  
Mark 1:9-15

### Anthem

### Sermon

## Responding to the Word

### Pastoral Prayer

**\*Hymn** Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

### \*Blessing

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we journey together, but also alone.**

Let us go into God's world, practising our faith,  
**living Christ's call to love God with all that we are,  
to love our neighbour  
as we love ourselves.**

Let us go into God's world  
**knowing we are never alone.  
Christ's peace,  
the Creator's love,  
and the breath of the Holy Spirit  
go with us.  
Amen!**

**Choral Benediction** Dance with the Spirit

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers** All of us  
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**Ministry of Music** Kirk Neville  
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**Warm Welcome to All** – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper.

**Today's Bulletins** are in loving memory of Denis Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by Lois and Family. Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of father, Harold Rackham. Lovingly remembered by Blair, Karla, Mary and families.

## Life and Work of Our Church

**Greg's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12 pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Election of Elders** ends today, Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to pick up your ballot and deposit in the silver box in the foyer. Thank you.

**In-Church Services:** Registration is **required**. To registration, please call 902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). Masks **are required**. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is now step up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**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.

**FundScrip** –Janet will be placing a FundScrip order today. Next order date will be March 7<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. Promotions for the month of February: Indigo – 7%; Boston Pizza – 7%. E-transfers accepted.

**Central Queens Emmaus Walkers** – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Please check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

**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.

**Bookworms United** – The February meeting of Bookworms United will be held in the church parlour this Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am.

In March we will be reading one of George Mason's novels, "Birds of a Feather". Please see Greg for a copy. George will be attending the meeting to discuss his novel.

**Camp Abegweit** – Camp Abegweit is now accepting applications for summer of 2021. Staff must be 16 years old by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Applications and job descriptions can be found at [www.campabby.ca/jobs](http://www.campabby.ca/jobs). Deadline is February 19th. It's a great place to work and grow! For any other information, feel free to contact Pix at [pixmpc@bellaliant.net](mailto:pixmpc@bellaliant.net).

### JESUS' ETERNAL SACRIFICE

God almighty, our holy one  
Conquering, victorious and risen Son,  
Saviour, redeemer, Lord of light,  
You saved me, freed me, and gave me life  
Is there a way that I can repay  
What it cost you, my Lord, that fateful day  
When you gave your life upon the cross  
For all mankind eternally lost?  
For I know I could never pay the price,  
The cost of your eternal sacrifice  
For salvation is a gift that you freely gave  
When you died and arose from the grave  
The hope that came from your sacrifice  
Is the hope we have of eternal life.

By M.S.Lowndes