

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

January 17, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

As we enter into this sacred place,
put away the pressures of the world that ask us
to perform,
to take on masks,
to put on a brave front.
Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.
This is a community of compassion and welcome.
A place where we can experience unconditional love
of God and each other. Welcome in the name of the
one who IS unconditional love!

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

grasp it.

Truly, you yourself created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you! Fearfully, wonderfully, you created me;
wonderful are your works; well do I know it.

My body was not hidden from you when I was made in
the secret place, and woven in the depths of the earth.
**Your eyes looked on me, still in the womb;
in your book all the shapes were recorded,
as day by day they were formed,
formed where there had been nothing.**

To me your thoughts are very precious,
profound in their sweeping vastness,
numberless as sand in the sea.
Even at the end I shall be with you.

With Jesus, we share in the 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 139:1-6, 13-18

VU #861

***Hymn**

“It Only Takes a Spark”

VU # 289 vv. 1,2

All God’s Children

***Hymn**

“It Only Takes a Spark”

VU # 289 v. 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

God knows you by name. God knows all that you can do.
God appears in your works for justice.
God is revealed in our hope for change.
Let us carry this spirit into our giving.
Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offertory

“What Can I Do?”

MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

God, we offer these gifts of money, as we offer ourselves, for the imagining and realizing of your vision for all creation . Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

Anthem

Sermon *A Fresh New Vision*

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

God of all life and each life,
Each week our prayers mingle with folk in many different places.
We face many different challenges and also a common challenge,
responding to the pandemic, though in so many different

contexts. We thank you for honouring all our prayers with the gift of your Spirit, so that we can find strength and wisdom we need in you.

We remember today people living face to face with war and violence, in those places where hatred has been stirred up and fear stalks folk on their own streets; and we pray for all those displaced by violence, seeking refuge among us or in camps and communities around the world: God, speak to us a word of peace:
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today folk living face to face with so much economic uncertainty, for those who have lost their jobs or worry what may happen as this year unfolds:
God, speak to us a word of reassurance:
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today folk living face to face with discrimination and social prejudice, for those who are bullied at school, at work or at home, for those who are made ashamed of who they are:
God, speak to us a word of dignity:
Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today folk living face to face with illness and suffering, for those struggling with disability, made more complex these days, and for those who know grief or anxiety, especially those cut off from comfort or support by months of pandemic isolation:
God, speak to us a word of healing:
Embrace us with your love.

