

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
March 21, 2021 – 10:30 am
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Come, all who desire to know God.
Come, all who yearn to see Jesus.

Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.
God is in our midst this day.

So let us praise God's holy name.
**We will worship God with heart, mind, strength and soul, and
declare God's goodness to us.**

*Hymn God, We Praise You for the Morning VU #415

Prayer of Approach

Creating God,
Loving Child,
Guiding Spirit,
With springtime sun and the promise of new life,
like seeds planted, you wake us from our slumbers.
We raise you up in praise for you are faithful to us
through every season of the year and every season of life.
We are grateful for your patience and persistence,
ever drawing us near even through the times we cannot draw
near each other.

Your promise of hope is seen in the Christ,
drawing life out of death, freedom out of fear.
Even as Jesus' cross looms on the horizon in this season of Lent,
we praise you for his courage and compassion
which bring renewal to us in the midst of our challenges.
We praise you, O God, for the love that never lets us go.

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

Psalm 51:1-12 Put a new heart in me, O God VU #776-777

Hymn Long Before the Night (This Ancient Love) VU #282 vs 1 & 3

All God's Children

Hymn Long Before the Night (This Ancient Love) VU #282 vs 4 & 5

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our friend, our Liberator,
as we ponder your giving of self,
we recognize the self-centred ways in which we sometimes lead
our lives.
You entrust us with the task of sharing your unconditional love
in this world, yet we often fall short.
We get lost in our own plans and worries and neglect to show
love,
even to those right beside us.
We find some people too difficult to care for.

We think some people unworthy of your love and ours.
Our own needs seem insurmountable and we cannot reach out
to someone else.
Forgive us, Holy One.
Renew a right spirit within us,
so that we may find the courage to go on
and be the compassion that risks all in your name.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie

Assurance of God's Love

Hymn Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

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

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our
thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of
resurrection in Jesus the Christ. Bless our gifts and through
them, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they
bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ we pray. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *I will write my law on their hearts*

John 12:20-33 *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth*

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** I see a New Heaven VU #713

***Blessing**

Choral Benediction Don't Be Afraid MV #90

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9 am – 12 pm

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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. All
are welcome.

Sympathies are extended to Donald & Carolyn Hughes on the death of
Donald's brother, Ivan Hughes.

Easter Services –

Good Friday – April 2nd at 10:30 am

Easter Sunrise Service – April 4th at 6:30 am

Easter Service with Communion – April 4th at 10:30 am

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 for an appointment.

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

Pop Can Pull Tabs – George Mason is one among several who collect their pop can pull tabs for charity. Once he has filled a bottle or box with these tabs, he delivers them to a member of the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The Daughters of the Nile sell them to a Halifax dealer, and the funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. George would be happy to be the local contact for your can tab collections. Just bring them to him here at the church.

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

Bookworms United - Our next meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, March 24th, at 10:30 am (please note time change). We will be enjoying the presence of George Mason when we discuss his book, [Birds of a Feather](#).

FundScrip –Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be April 4th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. Promotions for March are: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 7%, Children's Place - 9% and Stokes - 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.

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.

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.

Community News

Central Queen's Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting - The Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be this Saturday, March 27th, at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 902-964-2886. Storm date will be Saturday, April 10th, at 2:00 p.m. **New members welcome.**

Seniors Health & Wellness Survey - In 2018, the PEI government developed a Seniors' Health and Wellness Action Plan for Islanders. This was to try and gain a better understanding of how seniors and those who support seniors find information on health and wellness services available across PEI.

A survey is being conducted with seniors and near seniors (anyone 55 and older), as well as those who support seniors (either informally – eg: family, friends, neighbours, or formally – eg: service providers).

The senior's survey, targeted for adults over the age of 55, is available online and in paper format. To access the online version, go to <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSurvey> and follow the instructions. The survey is confidential and anonymous and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Those who complete it can submit their name for one of two draws for a @20 gift card to Sobeys. If seniors prefer to receive a paper copy of the survey, please call Crystal MacIntyre at 902-368-6527 or email dmacintyre@ihis.org. A paper version of the survey will be sent in the mail with two paid, self-addressed envelopes (one for survey and one for ballot for prize draw). The survey for those who support seniors in finding the information they need and navigating the systems they use is available online only at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSupport>. It is confidential and anonymous and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Any questions or concerns about this survey can be directed to David Webster, Senior's Health & Wellness Action Plan Task Team Chair, at websterd@hotmail.com.



HANG IT ON THE CROSS
If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
An aching need for healing

Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep
and makes you turn and toss,
If your heart is feeling heavy

Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith
or doubt you come across,
Every prayer unanswered

Hang It On The Cross.

For Christ has borne our brokenness
and dearly paid the cost
To turn our trials to triumph

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