

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

November 21, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Once there was someone 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?" He replied, "I am the Light."

Quiet Preparation for Worship (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

Bible Presentation

***Introit**

"Gather Us In"

MV #7 (3X)

***Call to Worship**

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass,
God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.
Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon,
God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.
Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night,
God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.
We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.
God comes to us, the one who was and is and is to come.
Come then, let us greet and worship our God who comes to us.

***Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

VU 333

Prayer of Approach

Almighty God,
from the beginning of time
to the end of eternity,
you have chosen
to use your power and majesty
to love us,
to redeem us,
to shape us as your people.
Your reign is in our midst, God of all people.

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.

Responsive Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18) VU #854 Parts 1 and 2

***Hymn** "You Are Holy" MV #45
Along with "you are holy", Additional Verse: You are freedom,"

All God's Children

***Hymn** "You Are Holy" MV #45
Additional Verses: "You are Justice", "you are love"

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Christ our Sovereign and Servant sets forth a just and compassionate realm in which the needs of the vulnerable and the powerful hang in righteous balance. Let us share what we have as we work toward Christ's reign here on earth.

Offertory "Love Is the Touch" MV #89 v. 1

*Presentation of Offering

***Offertory Prayer**

Righteous ruler, accept all that we have offered to you.
May these gifts we gather participate in your realm of truth.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
the Word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?
Made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will God not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

John 18:33–37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

**May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder,
as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Holy One, the Source, Story and Spirit of Love,

we praise you for the signs of your reign among us:
for hope overcoming despair,
trust rising above hurt,
love prevailing over hatred,
and peace restoring harmony after discord.

God of Hope Beyond Fear,
you comfort this broken world.
May the vision of your peaceable kingdom take root—
in church, in families, in community,
and in countries marked by violence and struggles for power.

God of Wholeness Beyond Fracture,
we pray for a world where differences are overcome by
understanding, and everyone can find a place of dignity and
respect. Shape our hearts soft with the kindness of your Spirit
so that all our relationships honour your image in each person,
and our actions and attitudes help you mend the world you love.

God of Life Beyond Death,
we pray for all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one,
the loss of hope or the loss of a dream or the loss of relationships.
Be present with each one living through a time of sadness or
discouragement.
Bring them comfort through your presence,
and show us how to be good companions on the journey to
renewed hope.

As we honour Christ, the Sovereign and head of the church,
we pray for the continuation of Christ's ministry through the
church. Send your Holy Spirit to knit the church together; bring
renewed life and commitment to each congregation and parish;
enliven ecumenical action on needs in every community; open
minds and hearts that have experienced disagreement to mutual

understanding; and refresh all who are tired out with a vision of the future you will create for us, with us and through us, in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Bring Many Names”

VU #268

***Blessing**

As you leave this place, go with God.

We will go into the world discovering God is waiting for us.

They should depart to serve, go with Christ.

We will not turn back from following Jesus into every corner of the world.

As you live the coming days, go with the Spirit.

And now, as we are held, may we go forth to hold others in the name of the Redeemer, Sustainer and Spirit. Amen.

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.