

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
October 10, 2021 – 10:30 am
Twentieth 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

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

***Introit** Breath of God, Breath of Peace MV #24 vs 1

***Call to Worship**

From the eagles' aerie, to the fishes' deep –
from the colour drenched leaves, to the rain drenched street
with our lips, with our hearts, with our hands, with our feet –
we sing out, "ALLELUIA!"
we laugh out, "HOSANNA!"
we shout out, "THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!"

For all that was.

For all that is.

For all that will be.

Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

For all that we were.

For all that we are.

For all that we could be!

Alleluia. Hosanna! THANK YOU, LOVING GOD!

So, together we sing...

Let it be.

Together we say...

May it always be so.

Together we shout...

AMEN!

written by the United Church Moderator, Richard Bott (Vancouver, B.C.), and posted on **Gifts in Open Hands**.

***Hymn** For the Beauty of the Earth VU #226

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Hot showers in the morning, and cool breezes in the evening;
work that provides for our families, and abundance that makes us
generous; funny jokes told by third graders, and the silent tears
of a grandmother lost in her childhood forever.

These blessings are ours, Joy of Creation.

Teachers who patiently help us with our math, and mentors who
keep us on the right path; friends who clear off sidewalks before
we awaken, and employers whose hearts are greater than their
profits; piano teachers who smile at our repeated mistakes,
coaches who teach us (one more time) how to curl the puck into
the goal.

These blessings are ours, Servant of Joy.

Dogs who bounce us awake early in the morning and cats who
lullaby us to sleep at night; grandparents who teach us how to
whittle, sisters and brothers who give up a day to babysit; little
ones who always forget to wipe their mouths and people who
always remember to say "thank you."

These blessings are ours, Joyous Spirit.

God in community, Holy in One,
Thanksgiving is in every word we speak.

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

Responsive Psalm 126 VU #850

***Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245 vs 1

All God's Children

***Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245 vs 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory For the Fruit of All Creation VU #227 vs 1

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

As you refresh us with all your gifts, God of Joy, we offer our gifts so that others might be touched by your grace, fed by the gifts of your creation, clothed in the generousness of your compassion and embraced in your loving arms. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Joel 2:21-27

Matthew 6:25-33

Anthem My Tribute

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayer – Prayer Litany: A Generous Harvest

God, source of all life, the northern autumn is all around us now, beautiful in scarlet and gold. We have heard the Spirit of God in the rustling leaves and the rush of water, and we are so grateful for a generous harvest, for seeds of many kinds, sown and multiplied, for the sufficiency we enjoy.

Sung (Taizé):

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

Creator God, we are so grateful for the creation which nourishes and sustains all that lives. Renew in us the sense of its value that we may not squander its riches, or so bend it to our will that we find we have destroyed it.

Sung (Taizé):

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads us into life.

Transforming God, we cannot sow our seed with clenched fists. Help us to open our hands, to let go of grasping, that we too may scatter with hope and generosity our seeds of justice, peace and joy. So may the fruits of our harvest be for the sharing of the earth and the blessing of your love. **Amen**

— written by Peggy M De Cuehlo (from *Bread of Tomorrow*, edited by Janet Morley, SPCK/Christian Aid), abridged.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

***Blessing**

Go now, rejoicing!

God has done wondrous things for us!

Go, to welcome friends and family to your table.

Christ would have you include the stranger, as well.

Go, with glad and open hearts into the world,
where the spirit will work beside us, giving hope and courage to all.

***Choral Benediction** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks VU #179 Chorus

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Leith Andrews. Lovingly remembered by Ann and family.

Sympathies are extended to Jeanette Plomp and her family on the loss of Jeanette's mother, Frances Pluigers.

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.

A Walk on the Wild Side – Would you like to learn more Uppity Women of the Bible? Starting next Thursday, October 14th, at 10 am, join Greg in the church parlour for a seven week journey as you explore the first uppity woman – Ruth!!

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To register, 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.

FundScrip – Next order date will be October 17th. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

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.

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.

Scent-Free – *"No scents makes good sense."* Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products, you are asked not to use scented products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

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

Bookworms United – Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 27th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. To sign out a copy of the book **Run, Hide, Repeat, a Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood**, written by Pauline Dakin, please go to the office. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at spangler@upei.ca.



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Community News

Fredericton Cemetery Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14th, at 7 pm. Please see notice on bulletin board by the office for more details. All are welcome.

Island Pregnancy Centre Silent Auction will be an online event and will run from November 8th – 12th. Proceeds will help open a new Maternity Home to provide unique and supportive housing for young moms and their new babies. More details will be shared during the Silent Auction, along with pictures and stories from the moms.

They are in the process of gathering amazing products and Gift Cards to auction off. If anyone is interested in donating an item or if you have any questions, please call 902-370-3700 or email jpcsummerstudent@gmail.com.

Be Thankful

Poet Unknown

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire.
If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don't know something,
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times.
During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations,
because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge,
because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes.
They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you're tired and weary,
because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who
are also thankful for the setbacks.
Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.
Find a way to be thankful for your troubles,
and they can become your blessings.