

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

**October 3, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

**19th Sunday After Pentecost**

**World Wide Communion**

**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**

**"Let us Build a House"**

**MV #1 v. 1**

## **\*Call to Worship**

The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

**We have come from east and west, from north and south,  
to sit together at this welcoming table.**

Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

**God's Word is bread for our journey.**

Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

**Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!**

## **\*Hymn**

"We Gather Here"

VU # 469

## **Prayer of Approach & Confession**

Eternal God,

as we come to your table today,

we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands.

Around this holy table,

we join with your church which stretches around the world,

and across many generations,

to meet you in our midst.

We praise you for your amazing love

which embraces this community of the faithful

and invites us into a future you are creating for us all.

Around your table, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth

to celebrate your holy name

through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Ever present God,**

**when you invite us to your table,**

**you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts.**

**You ask us to come in peace,**

**seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.**

**We confess that the church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living fully in your peace.**

*(silence)*

**Free us from the burdens we carry,  
so that we may be a source of peace and love in this troubled world in the name of Christ who is our peace.**

**Kyrie**      Audio Visual

### **Assurance of God's love**

From now on, St. Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Know that you are loved, in that love have the courage to offer unconditional acceptance and love to one another.

**\*Halle, Halle, Halle**

**VU #958 X2**

As freed and loved 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;**



**use them to bless those in deepest need with love they can taste and justice they can celebrate in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Word**

#### **Ephesians 2: 11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## **Reflective Music**

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**                      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”                      VU #468

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

The table that is set, is set for all;  
around it there are no divisions.  
Just as one loaf is made from many grains,  
and as one cup is filled from the fruit of many grapes,  
so, we, though many, are made one in Christ,  
nourished by him to nourish the world.  
Jesus calls us to this table, and all are welcome here.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### **Story of the Table**

Now listen to the story of how God’s reconciling love set this table for us. On the night he was arrested, Jesus came to the table with those he loved to share a meal that promised freedom, freedom that required courage and sacrifice. He took bread and blessed the God of all creation.

He broke the bread among his disciples and said:  
Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, given for you.

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine  
and gave thanks to the God of all creation.  
He passed the cup among his disciples and said:  
Take this, all of you, and drink from it.  
This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood for the  
forgiveness of sin.  
Do this to remember me.  
So now we do as Jesus did.

**We take this bread and this wine, ordinary things of the world.  
In these, Jesus has promised to be present;  
through these, Christ can make us whole.**

As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,  
let us also bless God for what we receive.

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts;  
**we lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;  
**it is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest calling and greatest joy to give you thanks and  
praise, Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

You spoke, and all things came into being: the sun, moon and stars, the sky, earth and waters and all they contain. Your Spirit swept over creation, and brought order out of chaos, life from the formless void.

From the elements of the earth, you created humankind, each unique, all made in your holy image.

Your breath gave us life and called us to live with you in loving service to neighbour and stranger alike.

Yet when we turned away from you, you never turned from us.

Through the prophets, you called us back to your ways.

You sent Jesus, the Anointed One, born of a mother's flesh, to reveal the full extent of your grace and love.

Again and again, you welcome us to your side with the open arms of a loving parent.

Therefore, we join our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your chosen one, Jesus, O God.

Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost and lonely, he brought healing and wisdom to those who sought him out, and revealed your kingdom taking shape in this world.

As we break bread and share wine in his name, with your people here and in every place,

we recall the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Gather your church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, and joy will be shared at the banquet you prepare for us when heaven and earth join hands. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, Tender and Mighty God, now and forever.

Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread,  
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said,

*(breaks bread)*

“This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

*(Wine is poured)*

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*(Communion is served)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.  
We have heard your love proclaimed,  
now send us out to speak it to others.  
We have seen your love poured out,  
now send us out to show it in everything we do.  
We have been fed by your love at your table,  
now send us out to share that love with all. **Amen.**

**\*Blessing**                      “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”                      VU #481

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**                      “One More Step”                      VU #639 v. 1

## **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.