

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

**September 12, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

**16th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Creation 1**

**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** (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit**

**"Come All You People"**

**MV #2 v. 1**

## **\*Call to Worship**

I am the circling hawk  
dancing with joy for life  
**God, you invite us to join in the dance!**

I am the faithful soil  
nourishing each life I touch.  
**You invite us to join in the caring.**

I am the swift stream  
singing my thanks for life.  
**You invite us to join in the song.**

I am the blazing star  
bringing wonder to life.  
**You invite us to join in the wonder.**

I am the voice of creation  
praising the God who shapes life:  
**You invite us to join in the praise.**

## **\*Hymn**

“Oh A Song Must Rise”

MV #142

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Generous God,  
creation is your song of love.  
Maybe stop to listen  
and open our hearts to the melody  
so that we might join in the singing.**

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 19      VU# 740–741  
The heavens declare the glory of God.

**\*Hymn**      “Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold”      VU #605 v. 1

## All God's Children

**\*Hymn**      “Jesus Teacher Brave and Bold”      VU #605 v. 2

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

For times when we have viewed planet earth as a  
source of endless resources  
**Forgive.**

Earth's waters are polluted with toxins

**Forgive.**

For times when we have cared more about progress  
than planet earth

**Forgive.**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

Planet Earth is our sanctuary home.

**We celebrate earth as our home, and live in goodness of God's  
forgiveness.**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

The psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares  
knowledge." Let us share our gifts so that we can also partake in  
telling others of God's glory!

**Offertory**

"Walk With Me"

VU #649 Chorus

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Generous Creator,  
you have opened your hands  
and placed so many gifts into ours.  
Receive what we offer  
as a sign of our thankfulness. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Word

**Proverbs 1:20–3**      Wisdom cries in the streets

**Mark 8:27–38**      Who do people say that I am?

### Anthem

### Sermon

### Pastoral Prayer

Holy one,  
you breathed over the waters  
and shaped life in all its diverse beauty.  
We are faithful witnesses  
to your abundant love for all creation.  
We give thanks for the light and the darkness...  
(Pictures of day / night images)  
we give thanks for the land and the waters...  
(Pictures of land / water)  
we give thanks for plants of all kinds...  
(Pictures of different plants)  
we give thanks for the moon, the stars and the sun...  
(Pictures of moon/stars/sun)  
we give thanks for all the creatures of the sky, waters and land...  
(Pictures of different creatures)  
we give thanks for this marvelous creation and echo your words:  
quotation marks "It is good!"

(Picture of your choosing that provides a good closing image!)

We ask you to breathe your wisdom into us that we might respect this gift of planet earth, our home.

May we see your presence in all the wonders that surround us.

Amen.

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**

“Travel On, Travel On”

VU #647

**\*Blessing**

May the joy of soaring birds be yours.

May the peace of star-filled nights be yours.

May the hope of sprouting seeds be yours.

May the strength of flowing rivers be yours.

May God's love for all creation be yours.

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.