

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

September 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.

17 Sunday After Pentecost

Creation 2 - Humanity

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**

"Come All You People"

MV #2, v.1

***Call to Worship**

Praise for tree, star and ocean.

All part of God's creation.

Praise for child, teen, adult and elder.

All part of God's creation.

Praise for sun, snow and rain.

All part of God's creation.

Praise for creatures finned, winged and hoofed.

All part of God's creation.

Praise for cell, molecule and atom.

We lift our lives in praise of God's creation.

***Hymn** "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

MV #30

Prayer of Approach

Holy Creator

you have shaped us

in your likeness.

You have formed us

as part of creation.

Your love

is our ongoing inheritance.

May our living reflect

your holy gifts to us.

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 8

VU# 732

***Hymn** "It Only Takes a Spark"

VU# 289 vv. 1,2

All God's Children

***Hymn** "It Only Takes a Spark"

VU# 289 v. 3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We are joined to every grain of sand:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.
We are joined to every shining leaf:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.
We are joined to every drop of rain:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.
We are joined to every creature's breath:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.
We are joined to every beam of light:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.
We were joined to every particle of creation.
Earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.

We may know this, and yet -
**we confess our arrogance, ignorance and greed in how we treat
creation.**

Silent Reflection

Assurance of God's Love

We are joined forever to God's remarkable love which brings us to
a place of healing and action through this love, we can live out
these words:
earth does not belong to us - we belong to the earth.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

"Walk With Me"

VU# 649 chorus

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

**Merciful God,
your love and grace
sustains us day by day.
May we offer these gifts with gratitude,
and offer our own gifts
with the generosity
you have shown to us. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "let us make humankind in our image, to be like us. Let them be stewards of the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals and everything that crawls on the earth."

Humankind was created as God's reflection:
in the divine image God created them;
female and male, God made them.

God bless them and said, "Bear fruit, increase your numbers, and fill the earth -- and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air and all living things on the earth!

Mark 10:41-45

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Child of God came not to be served but to serve --- to give one life in ransom for the many."

Anthem

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

For the gift of air,
home to dragonfly and sparrow;
made oxygen rich by tall standing trees;
necessary for breath --

We give thanks, O God.

For the gift of water,
home to plankton and trout;
sculpting valleys and coastlines;
necessary for life -

We give thanks, O God.

For the gift of plants,
home to caterpillar and worm
recycling into rich soil;
necessary for food -

We give you thanks, O God.

Where these gifts are harmed
by debris and pollution,
by climate change,
by destruction of habitat,
by corruption and greed -

We pray for healing, O God.

