

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
September 19, 2021 – 10:30 am
Seventeenth 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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit Come All You People MV #2 vs 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. . .

Responsive Psalm 8

VU #732

Hymn

It Only Takes A Spark

VU #289 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn

It Only Takes a Spark

VU #289 vs 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 sustain 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 God's Word

Sacred Readings

Genesis 1:26-28
Mark 10:41-45

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.

Where these gifts are harmed and decisions are needed
from all with power to make new choices -

we pray for the will to choose wisely, O God.

This gift of interdependence, woven into every part of creation,
tells us we cannot stand apart from all we share earth with.

**Holy God, guide us as we seek to tread gently on earth,
and live in harmony with all. Amen**

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn Go, Make a Diff'rence MV #209

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639

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 in memory of Kathryn Bowman and John Bentham. The bulletins are donated by Austin Bowman and his family.

Today's Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Barbara Ann Reid. Lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver and Family.

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.

Scent-Free – Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products, we ask that you not use scented products. Personal fragrant products (fragrances, colognes, lotions, powders, hair products and other similar products) that are perceptible to others should not be worn. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church. "No Scents makes good sense."

In-Church Services: Registration is **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. Masks are again **required** at all times. If you are registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be October 3rd. You can reach Janet by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. E-transfers accepted.

Yard Sale – Our yard sale, held on August 28th, was a huge success. \$1400.00 was raised through this fund-raising event! A big thank you to all for making this possible.

Fall Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner – Our Fall Take-out Roast Beef Dinner will be this Saturday, September 25th. A tasty hot roast beef meal with all the trimmings including a delicious dessert!

Ticket prices: \$16/adult, \$7/child (6-12yrs) and free for children under 6 yrs. of age.

*****Please note:** This dinner is **TAKE-OUT ONLY**. Customers are asked to remain in their vehicles. Tickets will be collected at that time and meals delivered to them.

Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

To order tickets call Lois at 902-621-0669 or Debbie at 902-964-2882.

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.

Food Bank – Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

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.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers – As we start a new season, 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 – Are we ready to launch a new reading season of Bookworms United? Our first meeting of the Fall is Wednesday, September 29th, at 10 am in the church parlour. Please see Liz Spangler to sign out a copy of the book **Run, Hide, Repeat, a Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood**, written by Pauline Dakin.

Don't forget to take with you a book or title of book(s) (including name of author) that you have enjoyed reading or are keen to read so that a reading schedule may be prepared in advance.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cguc.ca.

Camp Abegweit – Cancellation – At the Camp Abegweit Board meeting, it was decided we will **NOT** gather to celebrate our 75th Anniversary this year. With rising cases of COVID, we feel this is the prudent approach. We do look forward to having a grand opening for our season of 2022 next June. Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry together with children and youth at Camp Abby.

Camp Abby Endowment Trust Fund Update – We are absolutely humbled by the continued response of our churches and our people, who are joining island wide, to support a bright future for our wonderful shared ministry in Camp Abby. Our goal of creating a \$500,000 Endowment Fund, which will use the interest to continue to enhance and improve our camp is almost met. We are currently at 90% (or roughly \$460,000) in donations and pledges, all thanks to you! This is an important milestone and we are thankful for all who continue to support the Camp in time, talents and treasures. Together, we are making our shared vision for Camp Abegweit a reality. Thank you.

Camp Abby Endowment Trust Fund Update - continued

If you would like to contribute to the future and legacy of Camp Abby but have not yet or would like more information regarding the fund, contact: Linda Durdle at Durdle's Bookkeeping & Taxes, 39 Garden Drive, Kensington, PE C0B 1M0, email durdle@eastlink.ca, telephone 902-836-4090 OR Rev. Bob Hutcheson at 902-628-1203 [or hutch@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:hutch@pei.sympatico.ca).

Further Information – Cash donations or pledges may be made over a five-year span. If you would like to contribute but cannot at the present time, please consider Camp Abegweit in your will.

Make It Radiant

Make it radiant – this day –
Let your light shine all the way;
Let your heart run out to meet
Every creature on the street.
Take the whole world by the hand –
Let Him know you understand.
Give a lift to one who's down;
Let your warm smile melt a frown.
Put the springtime in your stride –
Laugh with those you walk beside.
Scatter sunshine all the way –
Make it radiant – this day.
By: Helen Lowrie Marshall

