

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
September 26, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Creation 3 - Sky

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                      Let Us Build a House                      MV #1 vs 1

\*Call to Worship

Through sun and shadow,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through torrent and thunder,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through fog and flurries,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through breeze and bluster,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through cloudless and clear,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Through rain and rainbow,

**God's love will remain.**  
Through all that life beings,  
**God's love will remain.**  
Come, let us worship God.

\*Hymn                      Touch the Earth Lightly                      VU #307

Prayer of Approach

Holy One,  
you cradle each of us  
with remarkable hope.  
You wrap each of us  
in a deep, mysterious love.  
You wipe each tear away  
with infinite gentleness.  
You celebrate each of us  
for the one-of-a-kind beauty we each possess.  
May we now celebrate these blessings  
with open spirits and grateful hearts.

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

Responsive Psalm 19                      VU #740-741

\*Hymn                      All Things Bright and Beautiful                      VU #291 vs 1 - 3

All God's Children

\*Hymn                      All Things Bright and Beautiful                      VU #291 vs 4 & 5

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *Based on Jeremiah 4:23-28*

Jeremiah was a prophet who lived a long time ago. A prophet is someone who reminds people to live according to God's ways. Jeremiah lived during a dangerous and hard time and tried to help people stay faithful in the midst of all these difficulties. Jeremiah, what do you see?  
**I see lands made barren and dry, I see the heavens made dark.**

Jeremiah, why do you see this?

**God's people have forgotten who they are.**

Jeremiah, what do you see?

**I see mountains quaking,**

**I see empty skies with no birds anywhere,**

**I see ruins where there once were cities.**

Jeremiah, why do you see this?

**God's people have forgotten who they are,  
and now it is time for them to remember.**

Jeremiah reminded people long ago of what they had forgotten.

Jeremiah's words remind us of what we forget.

**When lands turn barren,**

**when skies are empty of wings,**

**when cities become ruins:**

**we have forgotten that we are God's people.**

*Silent Reflection*

**It is time for us to remember. Amen**

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

Many years after Jeremiah, Paul -- a follower of Jesus -- tried to help people remember.

Paul, what are you writing?

**A letter to God's people.**

Paul, what do you say to them?

**I tell them to hold fast to God's word of life,  
that they might shine like bright stars in the sky.**

**We will hold fast to God's word of life.**

**We will remember that we are God's people.**

And may we each shine like a bright star in the sky. Amen

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory**

Walk With Me

VU #649 Chorus

### **\*Presentation of Offering**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God,**

**We thank you for your many gifts to us:**

**the unfolding of day and night;**

**the smell of a meal being prepared;**

**the voice of a friend greeting us;**

**the feel of a cool breeze against our cheeks.**

**We now offer these gifts in response**

**as a sign of our gratitude**

**and gesture of our love. Amen**

### **Listening for God's Word**

### **Sacred Word**

**Jeremiah 4:23 -28**

**Philippians 2:14-18**

### **Anthem**

If I had a Hammer

Harry Lowther

Cindy Easter

### **Sermon**

### **Reflective Music**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **Responding to the Word**

### **\*Hymn**

God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

VU #260

### **\*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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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** – Next order date will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can reach Janet by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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** – Our first meeting of the Fall will be this Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in the church parlour. Please 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@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**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.

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](mailto: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.

### **The Comfort of Prayer**

My heart often whispers a silent prayer  
In the midst of a noisy street,  
For I know that the God I turn to is there  
As in the most quiet retreat.  
My heart often murmurs a word of praise  
As I join in life's scurrying throng.  
For I know that He follows the crowded ways  
And hears every heart's silent song.  
My heart often holds up its empty cup,  
Drained dry by confusion and care,  
For I know that I only need look up  
To be filled with the comfort of prayer.

*By: Helen Lowrie Marshall*