

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

**February 27, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**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**

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

**Quiet Preparation for Worship** (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 (Chorus)

## Call to Worship

Something drew us together this morning.

**Something we can't name but which we experience in worship.**

Some holy mystery we call God.

**Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.**

Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

**May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.**

**\*Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies"**

VU #339

## Prayer of Approach

**O God, you are beyond words and description,  
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.**

**Make our hearts ready to receive you.**

**Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the wonder of  
your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

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

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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.**

**Psalm 99**

VU #819

**\*Hymn “I Can Feel You Near Me God”**

MV #48

**All God’s Children**

**\*Hymn “I Can Feel You Near Me God”**

MV #48

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

The needs of our world are too numerous to name.  
Shelter, food, clean air and water...  
Our gifts touch these needs,  
but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world  
so much that we give of ourselves.  
Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love.  
So as you place money in the offering plates, PAR, e-transfer,  
however we give today, don’t let your giving be done.  
Start planning to go deeper. May God now bless our hopes and  
dreams, both in the giving and the doing.

#### **Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering “What Can I Do”**

MV #191

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Bless these gifts, we pray.**

**May they represent just the beginning of our journey  
to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.**

### **Listening for the Word**

#### **Sacred Scripture**

##### **Exodus 34:29–35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

## **Luke 9:28–43a**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon

dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Revealing God,  
you bless us with your presence and wisdom,  
and we marvel at the wonders of your love.  
You created a beautiful world that reveals your majesty.  
Jesus' presence with us showed us how to live with compassion.  
Your Holy Spirit guides us on our way.  
Thank you for opening our eyes to your presence each day.  
Help us to recognize you not only in mountaintop experiences,  
but also in everyday tasks and in times of great challenge.  
God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God,  
much in this world needs transformation.  
Where there is violence, bring calm;  
where there is poverty, send sustenance;  
where there is confusion, bring wisdom;  
where there is chaos, create order;  
where minds and hearts are troubled, bring comfort;  
where pain is crippling, grant release.  
Move the hearts of the rich to share with those in need;

and call the powerful to act with justice for those at risk.  
Give us all the will to work for the wellbeing of the earth  
And to live with respect for the fragile balances within your  
creation.

Hear us now in this time of silence  
as we raise to you the names and situations on our hearts this  
day:

Hear the cries of all who suffer and bring each one hope of new  
life with you.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Timeless God, we pray for your church around the world  
and for our congregation.

Give your people the energy to shine  
wherever there is persecution, despair or discouragement.

Bless each congregation with wisdom and vision,  
as we face the changes in the world caused by the pandemic.

Renew our imagination and commitment  
to develop new forms of ministry and mission for the days ahead.

Gather us as a people again after months of distancing,  
and inspire us with greater delight in your mystery,  
and greater joy in seeking your presence.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We ask all these things through Christ Jesus,  
who revealed your will to us through revolutionary love. Amen.

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn** “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours”

MV #171

### **\*Benediction**

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We can't be silent anymore.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and share the radiance of love!

**\*Choral Benediction** “Behold, Behold I Make All Things New” MV #115

### **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.