

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
January 23, 2022 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 Presentation

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

\*Call to Worship

This day is holy to the Lord your God.

**Let us come ready to see, hear and touch the Word of God.**

Do not mourn or weep, and do not be grieved.

**How can we be sad when we can experience God's Word  
and know God's love through our worship together?**

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

**Let us come together to worship the God of joy, strength, and  
love.**

Hymn                      We Praise You, O God                      VU #218

Prayer of Approach

Holy God, Word- Giver:

In the gentle rain washing our upturned faces, in trees dancing in the morning, we hear your joy;

**In the whisper of the wind, we overhear your dreams for us;**

In the silence of the night, we eavesdrop on your grace;

**In the prayers of the poor, we take notice of your compassion.**

Jesus the Christ, Perfect Word, overcome our need to focus on ourselves

**So we might serve others.**

Make us humble enough to hear your good news

**And wise enough to live it.**

Enchant our hearts with your grace,

**So we might weep with those around us.**

Holy Spirit, Cup Holder of Living Water: as we suffer together,

**May we drink deeply of your compassion.**

As we rejoice together, as we pray together,

**May our hearts feast on your love.**

As we worship together,

**May we hear the word you have for us.**

God in community, God with us,

**In these moments, as in every moment.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 19                      VU #740-741

\*Hymn                      Your Love is Amazing                      MV #26

All God's Children

\* Hymn                      Your Love is Amazing                      MV #26

## A Litany

### Wellspring of Our Lives

Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,

As the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,

**Refresh us with your mercy, who knows our own injustice.**

As the stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water,

**Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

**Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

**Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

*from "The Pattern of Our Days, Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community" Kathy Galloway*

## Presentation of Our Gifts

## Offertory Invitation

## Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering                      What Can I Do                      MV #191

## \*Offertory Prayer

**Creator God, you made each of us in our uniqueness, and together, all of us to bear your image in the world. Accept our gifts, unique as they are, and bless them. May they bear your grace and mercy into the world you love so your purposes will be fulfilled. Amen**

## Listening for the Word

## Sacred Word

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

**Luke 4:14-21**

## Anthem

## Sermon

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn                      Deep in Our Hearts                      MV #154

## \*Blessing

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

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

## Ministers

All of us

## Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

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9 am – 12 pm

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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 placed in loving memory of J. Allan Smith. Lovingly remembered by Wanda, Margie, Earl, Gary, Roger, Janet and families.

## Life and Work of Our Church

**Greg's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12pm. 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.

**Offering** – Your church offering can be dropped off at the church during office business hours (Tuesdays – Thursdays from 9 am – 12 pm). There is a box on the table in the foyer for your offering. You can also E-Transfer or mail your offering to the church – PO Box 130, Hunter River PE COA 1N0. Thank you.

**In-Church Services:** Due to rising numbers of COVID cases, there will be no in-church worship services until further notice. Please check Facebook or our website for when we will be able to have in-church services again.

**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 [yeldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:yeldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. To place an order, contact Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). The next order date will be Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. E-transfers accepted.

**Annual Meeting** – The annual meeting scheduled to be held on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed to Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already do so, please submit your reports as soon as possible. Please email them to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). Thank you to everyone who has submitted their reports.

**Bookworms United** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. Please stay tuned as to whether we will be able to meet in person or, perhaps, by Zoom. The book that will be discussed is **The Splendid and the Vile** by Erik Larsen.

**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 Abegweit** – Camp Abby experienced an awesome summer and many long lasting memories were made. This cannot happen without your ongoing support. Your generous donations are needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, you can contact their treasurer, Linda Durdle at [durdle@eastlink.ca](mailto:durdle@eastlink.ca). They are in the process of planning and hiring for summer 2022. To learn more about what is happening, follow them on Facebook or their website (<https://www.campabegweit.ca>).

PRINCE OF PEACE . . .

In the rush of the world around me,  
let me stand quietly in the shelter of your love . . .

Teach me to be more concerned  
about what I am than what I do,  
more inclined to pray than to push,  
and as eager to worship as I am to work . . .

Fill me, Lord,  
with peace at the very center of my soul  
in whatever circumstances I find myself . . .

Bless me, Lord,  
with the peace that comes from knowing  
I don't have to struggle to reach you,  
I don't have to succeed to please you –  
I don't have to do anything but belong to you  
and accept the love and the peace  
you want to give.

By: *B.J. Hoff*