

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

June 5, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Pentecost 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)

***Introit** "Come Touch Our Hearts" MV #12 vv.1, 2

Call to Worship

Divine Teacher, whirl around us with your wisdom.

Divine Comforter, encircle us with the peace that comes only from you.

As the Holy Winds fill our lives with dreams, empower us to live God's hope in this world.

As the Holy Fire fills our hearts with visions, empower us to create a world of justice and peace.

May the Divine Gales of this day move us to know the love of God.

*Hymn "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

MV #150

Opening Prayer

Holy Winds of Mystery,

as the dawn breaks forth, your Spirit exhales your intentions for our world. As new chapters and eras arise in our lives, your Spirit invites us to wisdom that only comes from you. Open our souls to the wonders of your being. Settle our hearts when questions surround us. Fill our minds with the knowledge that your Spirit will lead us forward.

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 104:24–34, 35b

VU #827 Part Two

***Hymn “Over My Head”**

MV #88 vv. 1, 2

All God’s Children

***Hymn “Over My Head”**

MV #88 vv. 3, 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, Divine Comforter,
peace is absent from our hearts. From pain to grief, and from
turmoil to frustrations, we yearn for what we lack. We ache for
the pains and injustices of this world to cease. What we forget is
to pause and voice our concerns to you. How can we better
integrate your presence in our lives? When have we forgotten to
include you in our joys and heartaches? Move us to seek you and
speak the burdens of our hearts to you. May your Spirit refill our
souls with peace. Amen.**

Silence

Assurance of Amazing Love

The Spirit of God delivers grace and peace as we move through our journeys and inspires us to connect with God and neighbour to create a world of hope and joy. Amen!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Because of our love for the Divine Giver, we seek ways to share our love through our treasures, talents, and time. Whether we give in this hour or throughout this week, may we remember that God's Spirit encircles these gifts with hope.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

Offertory Prayer

**Holy Winds of Excitement,
may the gifts we share today and throughout this week nudge
us to dream your dreams. May our giving inspire us to embrace
your visions for our world. Holy Spirit, enliven our souls to create
your realm of justice and peace on earth. Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are

not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the

Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith.
Re-awaken our love for God
and strengthen our fellowship with each other.
Let your flame warm our hearts.
May your presence give hope for the future.
Dare us to do great things as people of the Way.

Wind of the Spirit,
Enliven us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and renew our energy
to serve you in Christ's Church.

Open our eyes to recognize needs for ministry and mission in
changing times.

Open our hearts to welcome newcomers and meet those we
don't yet know.

Open our hands to share in the tasks that need doing,
and open our lips in prayer and praise.

Wind of the Spirit,
Enliven us and renew our energy.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and give us new understanding
for those whose lives seem so different from ours,
and for those facing situations we've never encountered.

For those with whom we've disagreed
and for those whose values challenge our expectations.

For problems and challenges we face at home or at work
and for the complex issues we face in your world.

Wind of the Spirit,
Enliven us and give us new understanding.

Wind of the Spirit,

blow through us and bring us healing and peace

For all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment.

Bring healing for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief.

Bring healing for those who face stress and pressure.

Bring healing for places in the world facing conflict and for the creation struggling for life itself.

Wind of the Spirit,

Enliven us and bring healing and peace.

Wind of the Spirit,

Blow through us and bring us the wisdom and compassion we see in the stories of Christ the Jesus.

Blow through us and equip us to serve the world you love in God's name.

Blow through the Regional Church meeting and inspire the debates and decisions of all.

Blow through our whole church and refresh us as your faithful people, in Jesus name we ask. Amen.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

VU #375

***Benediction**

In each gust of wind, may we reach out to the God of inspiration.

In each flicker of flame, may we follow the Christ of light.

For the Spirit of God surrounds us, filling our hearts with dreams,
our minds with visions, and our souls with the energy to create
the realm of God on earth. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** “Peace Be with You”

MV #215

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.