

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
March 20, 2022 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent

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

Lenten Litany

Jesus entered the temple and saw how it was being used to oppress the people. Rock is used to build so many structures -- physical and organizational -- that separate people and keep life from touching us. We place our trust in structures rather than in God and in our relationships.

*The third rock is placed*

The rock of trust.

**May God's spirit walk with us.**

\*Introit

Don't Be Afraid

MV #90

\*Call to Worship

Seek the Lord while God may be found. Call upon God, who is near.

**We will return to the Lord our God.**

God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways.

**We come, seeking new paths to follow.**

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than ours.

**We come as pilgrims on the journey, praising God along the way. Let us worship God with thankful hearts!**

Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VU #271

Prayer of Approach

**God, Creator --- Life Giver, in you we live and move and have our being. In your depths we find meaning; in your heights we find light and joy. You are the source of peace and hope for all who turn to you. You alone have been our help and our guide; you give us strength and courage when we face challenges. In you, we find rest and welcome along the way. We praise you, O God, for your steadfast love. Draw near to us once more in this time of worship. Reveal your ways for us and prepare us for the days ahead so that our lives may witness to your great love as we follow Jesus.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 63:1-8

VU #781

\*Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

VU #357 vs 1-3

All God's Children

\* Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

VU #357 vs 4-5

## Prayer of Confession

God of unconditional love, we confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways. Our tempers are short, and we fail to act with kindness. Our confidence is fragile, and we treat others without respect. Our faith falters and we lose track of you. Forgive the many ways we have failed you and others. Inspire us to follow you more faithfully. Amen

## Assurance of Unending Love

God's love abounds.  
God is with us.  
God's everlasting arms embrace us.  
Each of us is beloved, affirmed and set free.  
Amen.

## Presentation of Our Gifts

## Offertory Invitation

## Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171  
(Chorus)

## \*Offertory Prayer

Loving God accept these our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to inspire peace in places of unrest, love in places of resentment, joy in places of fear, and hope in places of loss, all for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Liberator. Amen

## Listening for the Word

## Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Luke 13:1-9

## Anthem

## Sermon

## Reflective Music Selection

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn To Show by Touch and Word VU #427

## \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Peace Be With You MV #215

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

## Ministers

All of us

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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.

**In-Church Services:** Registration and masks are **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). If you are registering **after Thursday morning**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674. Thank you.

**Broadview** (formerly Observer) – To renew your subscription of Broadview or for a new subscription, please contact Velda at 902-940-7674. Subscription cost is \$25 for one year.

**Scent-Free** – *“No scents makes good sense.”* Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

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

**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. The next order date will be Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

**Rosewood Services** – Services at Rosewood will resume in April.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**Bookworms United** – Bookworms United will meet this Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion will be on **Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good, a book about residential school survivors. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at [spangler@upej.ca](mailto:spangler@upej.ca).

**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).

### Community News

**Central Queens Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting** will be held this Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at the funeral home (2538 New Glasgow Rd-Rte 224). Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Meeting to begin at 2:00 pm. Everyone welcome. 902-964-2886. Storm date will be Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 pm.

**Camp Abegweit** will be holding its annual meeting this Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at North Bedeque United Church starting at 6 pm. It is open to all.

We would like to have one person from each pastoral charge in attendance to gather. information and the summer pamphlets

If you would like more information, contact chair of the Board, Sharon Howatt at [vshowtt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowtt@pei.sympatico.ca).



### **THORNS AND THRONES**

I'd rather gather roses without thorns, Lord,  
a bright and fragrant, beautiful bouquet  
To decorate my world with pretty pleasures –  
the brambles and the briars, I'll throw away.

But you say I must pluck the thorns as well, Lord,  
although they'll pierce my heart and sting my soul;  
You say that pain's a part of peace, you tell me  
that breaking is a part of being whole.

You say that if I truly want to know you,  
I must count everything but Christ a loss;  
You ask me to exchange me way for yours, Lord,  
to trade contentment's kingdom for a cross.

And so I come before you, weak but willing;  
I seek to walk your path, and not my own:  
I choose to share the crown of thorns you wore, Lord,  
until I kneel before your royal throne.

*By: B.J. Hoff*