

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

October 9, 2022

10:30 a.m.

18th After Pentecost

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 All You People"

MV #2

Call to Worship

We gather this morning to celebrate the Harvest Home!

We are surrounded by the beauty and bounty of the earth.

We gather with hearts filled with gratitude as our senses take in all that we've received:

the warm embrace of our church community; the sight of produce fresh from garden, orchard, and field; the sound of wild geese overhead and the crunch of leaves beneath our feet; the expectation of special food that awaits.

For the bountiful blessings, in praise and thanksgiving,
let us worship God!

***Hymn** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

VU #227

Opening Prayer

**From our hearts,
with our hands,
through our voices,
in our love,
we thank you, God!
For every sunrise and sunset,
for every smile and tear,
for every moment that has passed,
and for every moment yet to come.
May our thanksgiving
fill the world with gratitude
and joy.**

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 100 (sung)

VU #820 - 824

***Hymn** "We Praise You for the Sun"

VU #225 vv. 1, 2

All God's Children

***Hymn** "We Praise You for the Sun"

VU #225 v. 3

Call to Confession

This day we set aside, Thanksgiving, provides an opportunity for us to take stock of God's blessings, and to reflect on our response to God's love toward us.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Our Creator, you have made an intricate and diverse world,
and set us to cultivate it reverently and responsibly:

forgive us when we forget our connection with all of creation.

Our Creator, you have made a world of abundance
and intend for us to share so that all may have their “daily bread”.

**Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality and
community.**

Our Creator, you have sent us Jesus, the “Bread of Life”
to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

Forgive us when we do not respond to his justice and mercy.

Every day let us celebrate your goodness.

Forgive us when we fail to turn to you in prayer.

Every day let us shape our very lives

by focusing our thoughts and actions on what is beautiful and
worthy of praise.

Forgive us when we forget that you make all things possible.

Assurance of Amazing Love

We have offered to God the concerns of our hearts and minds.

We trust that God not only hears our prayers

but in God’s almighty wisdom and awareness of our needs
does answer our prayers.

We are a forgiven people, we are a liberated people.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

God has brought us to a spacious place. Where we find ourselves, God calls us to praise God and to commit our resources to the well-being of earth and community life. In gratitude to God, whose love knows no bounds, let us respond by giving our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” VU #544

(Tune: Forest Green VU 518)

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, we come to you in Thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and in love, help us to do your will. We offered to you this day all the facets of our lives. May we grow in wisdom and insight to understand your will for us. We offer gifts of time, talent and possessions to you, to reflect our love for you and our neighbour. Help us to reach out to others as you, our God, reach out to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with

the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Generous God, on this Harvest weekend,
we thank you for all things great and small,
for moments of wonder and for ordinary exchanges
which fill our lives with meaning and offer us a sense of wellbeing.
May our friends see in us the signs of a grateful heart.

God of all goodness,
receive our prayers.

Generous God, as we give thanks for the harvests of the earth
and all the goodness that sustains us,
we pray that you will show us how to live respectfully in creation
and protect all that is precious to you.

Wherever harvests have been disappointing,
show us how to share what has been produced so that no one
goes hungry.

God of all goodness,
receive our prayers.

Generous God, we pray for the good of your world
and the common good in our community.

Where there is strife and hostility between peoples and
nations, inspire leaders to show wisdom and courage in their
decision making. We pray for people and places hard hit by flood
or fire, tornado or hurricane, epidemic or earthquake.

(Hold silence for ten seconds)

May neighbours with resources maintain generosity and
compassion for the long work of reconstructing lives and
livelihoods.

God of all goodness,
receive our prayers.

Generous God, we pray for our neighbours and those of our
number who are facing health challenges, worries caused by
storm damage or difficult times for any reason...

Silence

And we pray for family and friends under stress or in sorrow
whom we name in silence before you.....

Silence

Make us generous in compassion and understanding for each one.
God of all goodness,
receive our prayers. Amen.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living”

VU #242

***Benediction**

Fill us with gratitude, O God.
From you, all blessings flow.
To you, all gratitude shall return.
Fuel us as a gracious people,
full of your Spirit,
led by your Way,
overflowing with compassion and power,
to shape our lives and your world for good. Amen.

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

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.