

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
April 2, 2023 – 10:30 am

Palm 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

Hymn Sing It! Hosanna!

Sing it! Ho-san-na!

Sing Ho-san-na! Sing Ho-san-na to our king!

Sing it! Ho-san-na! Sing it! Ho-san-na!

Sing Ho-san-na, Jesus is our King.

Sing al-le-lu-ia,

Sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu

Sing al-le-lu-ia, sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Jesus lives again.

Procession of Palms

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

Call to Worship

Right Side: **Open the gates, for on this side of Jerusalem, a grand parade of Rome brings the pomp and circumstance of power and prestige to the streets for the Passover Feast.**

Left Side: **Open the gates, for on the other side of Jerusalem, a humble procession enters the city among the lives of the Jewish poor and marginalized.**

Right Side: *(Facing left and stomping together)* **Entering through the gates, we ride in on horses with the powerful armor of Rome, a festal procession with power. Let the feast begin!**

Left Side *(Facing right and waving palms)* **Entering through the gates, Jesus comes riding on a donkey and the crowd is laying down palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!"**

All *(Waving branches)* **Open to us the gates of God and together we will proclaim, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"**

*Hymn Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU #123

Prayer of Approach

God of humble entries, we lay down our branches on the path ahead and give thanks for this day you have created. For this is the day you have made, and we rejoice in it together. As we walk with Jesus and his followers into Jerusalem today, open the gates of our hearts that we might enter your realm with joy and thanksgiving. In the name of the One who came humbly, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

VU #837-838

***Hymn** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357 vs 1,2 & 3

All God's Children

Hymn Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357 vs 4 & 5

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

O God, we know that our lives have missed the mark and fallen short of your call to love you and neighbor with our whole lives. At times we can enter into the circumstances of our lives with power over others, arrogance, or a lack of awareness of the needs of our neighbor. Forgive us for being more interested in our own achievements or our obsession with seeking the approval of others. Come and save us. Transform us into a people of humility and righteousness, we pray.

Sung Assurance of God's Unending Love

Don't Be Afraid MV #90 x 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU #149 vs 4

*Offertory Prayer

O God of Welcome and Waving Palms, as the crowd offered to you their praise and the palms on the road, so we share these gifts out of the abundance you have provided. May they be used for the justice you are bringing about in the world through your unending love. Amen.

Listening for the Word

**Sacred Scripture
Matthew 21:1-11**

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intersession

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn** Ride On! Ride On Ride On in Majesty VU #127

*Blessing

Right Side: (Turning from the front to the back) **Having entered through the gates in power and prestige, this Jesus has called us to go out in love, compassion, and humility.**

Left Side: (Turning from the front to the back) **Having entered through the gates on donkeys and waving palms, this Jesus has come to save and now calls us to go out in hope, justice and love.**

All: **Together, we are embraced by an enduring and boundless love that forges us together in shouts of "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!"**

Friends, go forth humbly to serve the God whose love endures forever. Go forth in the name of the Christ who entered Jerusalem on a lowly donkey. Go forth in the strength of the Holy Spirit, that calls us to rejoice in this very day God has made. God's love endures forever.

All: **God's love endures forever. Amen**

*Choral Benediction What Wonderful Love is This VU #147 vs 1

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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 9 am – 12 pm
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A Warm Welcome to All – We are delighted you have 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 Harry & Inez Smith. Lovingly remembered by children, Helen, Wilfred, Velda, Margaret, Lois and families.

Sympathies are extended to Fred & Eleanor Anderson on the loss of Fred’s sister, Zelda.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion – this Thursday at 7 pm
Good Friday Taizé Service – this Friday at 10:30 am
Easter Sunrise Service – April 9 at 6:30 am (outside, weather permitting)
Easter Service with Communion – April 9 at 10:30 am

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 for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Masks are recommended but not required.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, April 16th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FundScrip

Confirmation Classes – Anyone who is 14 years or older who is interested in confirmation classes, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca.

Congregational Meeting – A congregational meeting will be held after the worship service on Sunday, April 16th (**please note corrected date**). Information will be presented on the work that needs to be done on the roof and siding of the church.

E-Transfers – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to veldabertram@gmail.com.

Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit” will meet on Tuesday, April 11th, at 7:30 pm at the home of Etta Ellis. Program: Kim Rodd; Worship: Margaret Smith; Lunch: Margaret Smith and Suzanne Silliphant.

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

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during church office hours in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Bookworms United – The next meeting of Bookworms United will be on Thursday, April 27th, in the church parlour. We are reading *Bound* by Theresa Redmond, a historical novel set in PEI in the late 1700s. Thanks to Mo, the author will be joining us!!

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 if our church service is cancelled.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Scent-Free – “No scents make good sense”

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. 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 which 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 pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Central Queens Emmaus Walkers is on pause. Stay tuned for when they will resume.

Puzzle Exchange – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful winter activity.



Community News

The Winsloe Players Presents “She’s Back” at the Carrefour Theatre on April 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. All proceeds will support the QEH Foundation’s Big Day of Giving. Ticket prices are \$20/adult and \$10/child (under 12). Tickets are available by calling Proude Shoes (902-894-3504), Winsloe Irving (902-569-0166), Clow’s Red & White (902-621-0500), QEH Foundation (902-894-2425), or any cast member.

Calling all fudge makers! The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge to be sold at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you can donate this sweet treat, please contact Barb Jenkins at 902-626-6313. Thank you!!

Spring Park United Church Yard Sale is preparing for its annual spring yard sale. Mark your calendars! It will be **Saturday, April 22nd, from 9 am to 12 noon**. We are still looking for donations of the following items: jewelry, sports equipment, furniture, books, puzzles, electronics, bedding, curtains, crafts, children’s toys, home decor, and especially **indoor and outdoor plants** (please no clothes). Items can be dropped off on the stage. We are also offering to pick up items with proper distancing and public safety in mind. Please email the yard sale email address (springparkyardsale@gmail.com) or call the office to make arrangements. Admission by donation.

The Rural Municipality of Hunter River Council is please to announce the opening of the Hunter River Community Fridge located outside at the Hunter River Community Center, the Community Fridge will provide a space for residents of the area (if they are able) to donate perishable and non-perishable food items, and for those who may need a helping hand to take what they may need. Islanders from one end of the Province to the other, in both urban and rural centres are experiencing rapidly rising costs of putting food on the table for themselves and their families. It is hoped that it will allow those in the Municipality and the surrounding areas access to help close to home. The Fridge is accessible year-round 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Information about what can be donated and ways to help can be found on the Rural Municipality of Hunter River website, the Hunter River Community Fridge Facebook page or by contact the Municipal office at 902-621-0836.