

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
August 6, 2023 – 10:30 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion

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 *(Placed during the singing of the Introit)*

**\*Introit** Sing Praises (Taizé) x 4  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord!

**\*Call to Worship**

At the center of our galaxy,  
**the Sun provides warmth, light and life.**  
At the center of our bodies,  
**the heart provides life-giving nutrients to our bodies.**  
At the center of our worship,  
**A simple table, with simple food --- remembrance of unconditional love made known.**

**\*Call to Worship** (continued)

At the center of our faith,  
**God of Jesus -- Light, Provider, Sustainer ---- Love.**  
In these moments of worship find that quiet center where God draws close to you and you to God.

**\*Hymn** Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374

**Prayer of Approach**

**O Great Spirit of Life, we come seeking the "sweet spot" where our lives connect with the life you give. The ways are crowded, and our lives are often frenzied. We yearn to make room for hope and love to grow. We seek a quiet center where we are freed from the chaos and clutter. A quiet center where our eyes can see more clearly, and our lives lived more fully. As we gather in community this day, we ask for clarity to see what matters most and the courage to live faithfully. May our time away provide all this and much, much more.**

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

**Responsive Reading** - Psalm 17:1-7, 15 VU #739  
*Guard me as the apple of your eye.*

**Call to Transformation and New Life**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Words of God's Continued Care**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**\* Presentation of Offering** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1

### \*Offertory Prayer

**O Holy One, with gratefulness for the opportunity to share, we offer and dedicate these gifts for the work of hope and love made know. Such response flows from the ways of Christ and the love he revealed about the God he embodied. Amen.**

### Listening for the Word

#### Sacred Scripture

**Matthew 14:13-21**

#### Anthem

*Harry Lowther*

#### Sermon

#### Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

**Communion Hymn** Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face VU #459

### Holy Communion

#### Invitation

The Spirit of Creation is with you!

**And the Spirit of Creation walks next to you.**

Open wide your souls.

**We open them to the Creator's love.**

Let us give thanks to the God of Earth and Rain.

**With joyous voices, hearts, and hands, we exclaim to God our praise.**

#### Great Thanksgiving Prayer

We delight with the Creator on this earth, and we rejoice in what God has created, is creating, and will be creating. The Spirit of Creation built this vast universe, including our beautiful, strong, and fragile planet. The earth held the plants and animals in the Garden of Eden. Later, the earth carried the Israelites on their wilderness journey and embraced them while they danced joyously in the promised land. The earth absorbed the tears of

Job, supported the steps of the prophesying Elijah, and carried David in the shadow-filled valleys. Jesus taught on mountains and plains, walked throughout the land healing the aching, and prayed in gardens late at night. In times of exile and times of return, the land held the stories of our ancestors in faith.

Today, we abide on this land in houses of worship, in homes, and in halls. We know this land we share today is sacred. It bears much fruit. It holds the flora of friendships. And deep within its cells are the stories of its ancestors – parents, guardians, and leaders of the faith. We know their footprints are still felt by the earth.

And we remember the ones who held this land as their own centuries ago. They were the first to tend to the land, to nurture it as a parent would nurture their child. The winds of occupation seared the land and crushed the hearts and lives of its first inhabitants. Through the hydrating tears of our God, the land remembered its strength from its ancestors. In our spaces today, we remember their place on the land and their care for creation.

From the strength of those who have gone before comes the seeds for grains and grapes. The land has given birth to the fruits of our sacrament.

With glory to our God, we praise the Spirit of Creation:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Spirit of Earth, Air, Fire and Water,**

**Heaven and Earth delights in your glory,**

**Hosanna, Hosanna.**

**Blessed is the one who brings love and light to our world.**

**Hosanna to our God. Alleluia!**

On the night before Jesus walked the ground carrying the tree to Golgotha, he gathered with faithful friends. From the grain in the ground came the bread that Jesus took and **broke in his hand**. He blessed the bread and said to his friends **“This is my body broken for you. When you eat this bread, remember me.”**

And then after supper, Jesus took a cup filled with the fruit of the vine. Knowing they were all connected like the vine and branches, Jesus said to them **“This cup is the new covenant (in my blood). As you drink from the cup, remember me.”**

Spirit of God, just as you hovered over creation and renewed your church at Pentecost, surround these elements. Encircle us, energize our souls, and connect us with each living being here on earth. Just as you have delighted in humans since creation, may your presence create joy in our spirits, transforming us into new beings.

Bless the soil that birthed the grains and grapes that we share today. May these elements be transformed into a meal that connects us all. Like the lion and ox, like the lamb and wolf, we eat together – whether near or far, whether well or ill, whether marginalized or privileged. May this meal be one in which we embrace the power we have and strengthen the world with justice and peace, kindness, and love. Amen.

Come my friends, all is ready. As Jesus welcomed all, so we welcome all. This is not my table, it is God's.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**Holy God, Divine Designer – with gentle compassion, you help us to find the quiet center. For your meal we share our gratitude. With thanksgiving we voice our joy for our siblings in faith who shared the table with the Christ and with us. Our souls are rejuvenated with your Holy Refreshment. Send us into the world today with joy in our hearts and excited to proclaim your radical love in this world. Amen.**

\*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU #333

\*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Go, Make a Diff'rence MV #209 (Chorus)

#### **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able

#### **Ministers**

All of us

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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.

**Thank You** – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank our supply organist, Edith Ling, for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

**Vacation** – Greg and Ellen Davis will be away on vacation from tomorrow, August 7<sup>th</sup>, to Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Life and Work of Our Church**

**In the event of an Emergency** – Rev Eric Lynk is the on-call minister who will be available for emergencies while Greg is away. In the event of an emergency, please contact Don Rodd, Clerk of Session, at 902-393-3510.

**Church Roof Fundraiser** – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$16,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!!

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, August 20<sup>th</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.

## FündScrip

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

### **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.

**Central Queens Dinner Theater** will be presenting “The 50’s and 60’s” on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Included is a three-course roast beef dinner. Cost: \$32.50/adult. Contact Lois at 902-621-0669 to get your tickets. Tickets are going fast!

**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.

**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.

**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 activity.

**Camp Abby** – A copy of their list of most needed items is posted on the bulletin board by the office. To register, visit their website at [www.campabegweit.ca](http://www.campabegweit.ca) and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

### **Camp Abby**

Are you able to help with the financial costs to send a child to camp? Requests have doubled from what they were for all of last year. Camp Abby’s philosophy is that every child have the opportunity to come to camp and that they will help in any way that they can. If you are able to donate to this part of their camping ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Money can be sent to: Sharon Howatt, 1491 Waterview Road-Rte 120, Summerside, PE C1N 4J8.

### **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** tonight, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guest Terry Dunsford. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes Annual PEI 2K or 5K Purple Hike for Epilepsy** on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, (rain date- Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>) at Connaught Square, corner of Pownal St and Richmond St. Registration starts at 9:30 am, hike will begin at 10 am. BBQ and refreshments to follow the hike. You can register/pledge the day of the hike.

