

Central Queens Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada

February 19, 2023 - 10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration 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

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

***Introit** Be Still and Know MV #77 X3

***Call to Worship**

Let the Mystery of God draw us in: **Beautiful, Just, Merciful!**

Let the Wisdom of God surprise us: **Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!**

Let the Glory of God shine through our work: **Salty, Bright and Good!**

In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God; **Let us worship!**

***Hymn** Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

Prayer of Approach

Wonderful God, We gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people. Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may begin to glimpse your grace:

what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived-- all you have prepared for those who love you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Mystery, your Wisdom, your Glory.

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

Psalm 99 God Delights in Justice VU #819

***Hymn** We Are Marching VU #646

All God's Children

***Hymn** We Are Marching VU 646

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice: When we forget the fast you desire— To do justice, and stand up for the powerless: Christ, have mercy.

When we forget the prayer you love— To show compassion, and care for those in need: Christ, have mercy. When we forget the rituals you require— To create relationships of righteousness and peace: Christ have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison VU #945

Assurance of God's Love

Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations. With thanksgiving, let us offer one another a sign of Peace

Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Christ calls us to let our lives and our work —salty, bright, and good— give witness to the reign of God in our midst. Let us generously offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure, that the glory of God may be recognized and celebrated in our world.

Offertory What Can I Do? MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17: 1-9 Jesus Transfigured on the mountain

Anthem "Shine Jesus, Shine"

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** This Little Light of Mine (on the screen)

***Blessing**

Let the Mystery of God send us into the world: to live into life compassion and justice: Beautiful, Just, Merciful! Let the Wisdom of God surprise us in the world: Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching! Let the Glory of God shine through our work in the world: Salty, Bright and Good! In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God Let us rejoice!

Choral Benediction "Go In Love"

Postlude