

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
February 5, 2023 – 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Health and Human Service 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**                      We Are Marching                      VU #646 v. 1

**\*Call to Worship**

Called to be light,  
**we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**  
Called to be salt,  
**we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.**  
Called to live in God's reality,  
**we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

**\*Hymn**                      Arise, Your Light Is Come                      VU #79

**Prayer of Approach**

Holy One, Light of the world, in the sparkle of the snowflake, we see your beauty.  
In frosted treetops, we delight in your splendour.  
Even in the cold of winter, your creation amazes us.  
We praise you for blessing the world with such beauty and giving us a place within it.  
Just as months of winter renew creation for springtime growth, renew us with your Spirit in this time of worship to grow in faithfulness and service.  
Grant that our lives can shine the light of Christ into these challenging times.

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 112:1-10                      VU #834-835

**\*Hymn**                      Jesus Bids Us Shine                      VU #585 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

**\*Hymn**                      Jesus Bids Us Shine                      VU #585 vs 3

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

**Call to Transformation and New Life**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Holy One, we confess we have taken much for granted.  
We squander resources as if they were only for us.  
We consume whatever we want, selfishly and carelessly.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Shine your light on us so we see the ways of your wisdom more clearly and follow the path Jesus sets before us with humble hearts. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Unending Love**

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

### Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering                      What Can I Do                      MV #191

### \*Offertory Prayer

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, be used to fix breakfast for hungry children, to shower others with grace, and to patch the potholes poverty has created in the roadways of the kingdom. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

### Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

### Anthem

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn                      Be Thou My Vision                      VU #642

### \*Blessing

To those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry,  
**God sends us to be light.**

To those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavour,  
**Jesus sends us to be salt.**

To a society where love is tossed aside as easily as fast food dishes.

### \*Blessing (continued)

**Spirit sends us to be faithful carers of everyone we meet.**

God and love our your faith as disciples of the Christ.

\*Choral Benediction                      Dance with the Spirit                      MV #156

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

### Ministers

All of us

### Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

### Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

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.

### 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:** Masks are recommended but not required.

**FundScrip** –Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, February 19<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.



**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.

**Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit”** will meet on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan D. Bernard. Program: Joan D. Bernard. Worship: Joan D. Bernard. Lunch: Joan G. Bernard and Joan D. Bernard

**Rosewood Service** will meet next Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

**Church Calendar Fund-Raiser** – We have a few extra calendars this year. Anyone interested in having one can pick them up at the church office. Cost is \$10 each.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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 winter activity.

**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).

**Mission & Service - *The Path toward Healing: Murray Pruden’s Work***  
Healing begins with truth and reconciliation.

In late October 2022, the federal government recognized the residential school system as an act of genocide against Canada’s Indigenous Peoples.

It was a reminder that we are still very much on the path to reconciliation and healing.

“We know that we have an impact as The United Church of Canada,” says the Rev. Murray Pruden. He is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations, from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations and is the current Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for The United Church of Canada.

Supported by Mission & Service, Pruden has made significant gains in building relationships of trust and healing between the church and Indigenous communities.

After unmarked graves were discovered in Kamloops, BC, in 2021, the United Church gave an additional \$3 million to help Indigenous communities respond, mourn, heal, and potentially find other unmarked graves.

Because we believe every child matters!

The funds also supported the dedication of memorials to lost children, like one for a BC community that raised a totem pole funded in part by Mission & Service.

Other healing initiatives include the translation of the Mohawk Language Bible, the Food for the North program, healing circles, and programs for Indigenous youth to learn and reclaim their languages.

Pruden stresses the need for patience.

“Ever since Kamloops, we had many non-Indigenous church communities and people ask what they can do or how can they contribute in different ways,” he says. “And we at the time really kind of put our hands up and said, ‘Whoa, we need to pause for a minute because we need to mourn.’

“I think that we still have so much to give, to teach, and to be in relationship with. And as long as we have a greater understanding within the church and the supports, we can do it.”

Relationships, friendships, understanding, and trust—these are the foundations of the work Mission & Service is doing across Turtle Island thanks to your generosity.

