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

## Fifth Sunday 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** 

**Quiet Preparation for Worship** 

**Bible Presentation** 

\*Introit In the Lord (Taizé) x 4

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near; Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

## \*Call to Worship

O Sing to God a song of joy,

For we have been greeted by our God.

O Dance for God a waltz of welcome,

For we have been embraced by our God.

O Create for God a portrait of hope,

For we have been inspired by our God.

Come then, dance, waltz and sing into our time of worship.

\*Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

VU #371

## **Prayer of Approach**

You patiently wait for us on the threshold of your Kin-dom, ready to welcome us as we step across the doorway of your new Realm. As we see your inviting lights, we feel the warmth of your love. May we open doors to your Realm. May we be your encouraging embrace and your melodic voice of welcome in a world filled with harsh tones.

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

#### Lord's Prayer - Luke 11:2b-4

First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament "O Great Spirit, our Father from above, your name is sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day – the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the good things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road."

## **Responsive Reading**

Psalm 13 How long will you forget me, God? VU #734

\*Hymn Love is Something if You Give it Away Music Video

#### All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

#### **Call to Transformation and New Life**

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Holy Prophet, Divine Warmth, creating a home for strangers and friends can often take extra effort. From the extra cleaning to food preparations, we spend extra time, talents and treasures to care for your children. Sometimes, we often do not feel as if we have the energy to go the extra distance — to ensure the drinks are cold and our homes are cozy. Give us an extra boost in our bodies, minds and souls to be the welcome team in your Kin-dom. May we embrace divine hospitality as we care for the ones struggling the most, the ones caring for your creation, and the ones speaking prophetically for you. Amen.

## **Assurance of God's Unending Love**

#### Presentation of Our Gifts

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

# Offertory

\* Presentation of Offering You Nourish Us VU #545

# \*Offertory Prayer

Spirit of God, when we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your works in this world. When we tend to our neighbours who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout our world. When we share with a stranger, we experience Divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as they build your Kin-dom here on earth. Amen.

# Listening for the Word

**Sacred Scripture** 

Genesis 22:1-14 Matthew 10:40-42

#### Sermon

#### **Reflective Music**

#### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

\*Hymn When I Needed a Neighbour VU #600

\*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction When You Walk from Here VU #298

#### **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.

**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of George Foster. Lovingly remembered by Debbie, Nathan and Harry.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:minister@cquc.ca">minister@cquc.ca</a> for an appointment.

Church Roof Fundraiser – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed almost \$15,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!! This funding is needed to repair the damage to the roof and siding from Hurricane Fiona. The fundraising drive will continue until July 15<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Sundays, in the mailbox located at the side entrance or by e-transfer to <a href="mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com">veldabertram@gmail.com</a>.

**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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email <u>jhowes1969@gmail.com</u> or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

**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.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated food to help lower Camp Abby's operating costs over the summer. Greg has delivered it to the Camp.

**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.

Central Queens United Church Giant Indoor Yard Sale is being held on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am - 12 noon. Featuring a large variety of items including plants, houseware, Christmas decorations, clothing, jewelry, books, children's' articles, hardware, etc. Treasures at reasonable prices for everyone to discover! Come early for best selection. Anyone wanted to donate items can do so until set-up day, Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Items can be dropped off during the week during office hours. Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Thursday or Friday evening.

**Student Summer Employment** – We have received a student grant for summer employment. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the church office at 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca

**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.

**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** – To register, visit their website at <a href="www.campabeqweit.ca">www.campabeqweit.ca</a> and click on "Register Today". Brochures are available on the table in the foyer. A copy of their list of most needed items is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Camp Abby is in need of money to help send students to Camp. Requests have doubled from what they were for all of last year. Their philosophy is that every child has 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 thier 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 on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Lisa Logan Campbell and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

#### WHERE THERE IS LOVE

Where there is love the heart is light,
Where there is love the day is bright.
Where there is love there is a song
To help when things are going wrong.
Where there is love there is a smile
To make all things seem more worthwhile.
Where there is love there's a quiet peace,
A tranquil place where turmoils cease.
Love changes darkness into light
And makes the heart take wingless flight.
Oh, blessed are those who walk in love
They also walk with God above. . . .
And love that once seemed yours along
God gently blends into His own.
By: Helen Steiner Rice