

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

O Creator of the Cosmos, you know what the kin-dom of God is like, but you also remember what it was like before.

Before creation and kin-doms, before mustard seeds and fine pearls, before yeast and bakers to make bread.

So, you know what it is like to long for them, to imagine them into being,

And it is from this longing for your kin-dom and for you that we enter our worship.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

Yes, come, let us praise and pray to our God of promise.
Let us rejoice in the Good News together—nothing can separate us from the presence of God.

***Hymn** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU #375

Prayer of Approach

O Spirit, who helps us in our struggles and teaches us how to pray when we don't know what to say or how to feel, we call on you from a sigh too deep for words. Within that sigh, we wonder, we question, and we hope that all things do, indeed, work together for your good. And in this experience of being here together, in this time set apart to be side by side in community, we are reminded how connected we already are. Let us open ourselves to your presence here. Let us seek first the kin-dom of God, and in our searching, may we be found by you, Beloved, the One who searches for us first.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Part One VU #828
Make known what God has done.

***Hymn** Small Things Count VU #361

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

*Offertory Prayer

Like the net that was thrown into the sea and brought in fish of every kind, we celebrate the multitude and diversity of gifts that have been shared here today. May God bless these treasures with the abundance of Christ's love and passion to embody justice in our world. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Romans 8:26-39 *The Spirit intercedes for us when we cannot pray*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Five parables: mustard seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, net.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessings VU #481

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Go, Make a Difference MV #209 (Chorus)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

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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 for an appointment.

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, August 6th. You can reach Janet Howes by email 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.

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 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.campabeqweit.ca and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

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

Park Royal Church Ice Cream/Strawberry Social tomorrow, July 31st, from 6 – 8 pm. Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: \$6. Tickets are available at the church office (902-894-9656) or at the door.

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

PRINCE OF PEACE . . .

In the rush of the world around me,
let me stand quietly in the shelter
of your love . . .
Teach me to be more concerned
about what I am than what I do,
more inclined to pray than to push,
and as eager to worship as I am to work . . .
Fill me, Lord,
with peace at the very center of my soul
in whatever circumstances I find myself . . .
Bless me, Lord,
with the peace that comes from knowing
I don’t have to struggle to reach you,
I don’t have to succeed to please you –
I don’t have to do anything but belong to you
and accept the love and the peace
you want to give.

By: B. J. Hoff

For he himself is our peace . . . Ephesians 2:14