

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 9, 2023 – 10:30 am

Sixth 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** Let Us Praise Your Name (Taizé) x 4
Let us praise your name,
God, our Saviour, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise and bless your name,
God, our Saviour, praise and bless your name,
Alleluia!

***Call to Worship**

O Spirit of the first song, the origins of a lullaby, we come here today with our burdens in tow.

Would you grant us comfort, O Gentle Jesus? Our pain has no place to land, no cradle for our sorrows to rock in.

And say to us: 'Yes, I've got you now. There, there, dear child, there, there.'

There, there, to the rhythm of a heartbeat, like a grandmother consoling her kin. There, there.

***Call to Worship** (continued)

There, there, like the psalmist singing in satisfaction. It's alright now. We made it home. There, there.

There, there, shouts the activist out in the streets. That's enough now, never again. There, there.

For you are here, right here, ever with us—burden-sharer, light-maker, right here.

And it is from this ancient hum that we worship you.

It is from this rest that we know you.

It is from such a place that we praise you, right here, again.

Amen.

***Hymn** When Pain of the World VU #598

Prayer of Approach

O God of heaven and earth, who is glorified in the wisdom of children—the experts of presence and oneness. May we evoke your humble heart within us. May we wonder what it might mean to feel our exhaustion *and* your love at the exact same time. May we consider all you've tried to show, give, or say to us that we weren't yet ready for. Prepare our souls to yoke with yours, to share in the Good News that revives every living thing. We ask this in your name and energy.

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 45:10-17 *A Song for the Anointed Ruler* VU #769-770

***Hymn** Each Blade of Grass MV #37

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Spirit of God, you are always among us, and yet at times we are too busy to notice. Not recognizing you in the stranger on the street or the stranger in me—who does not do the things I want, but rather the things I hate. Perhaps we thought our certainty would keep us safe or ignorance would keep us pain-free, but you show us the way of trust and awareness is what paves the path of peace. Forgive and help us, O God, by your power, grace, and connection. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* **Presentation of Offering** You Nourish Us VU #545

*Offertory Prayer

What weighs us down doesn't just disappear in the wind, but rather lightens because the load is shared. So, God of Our Yoke, may we prosper in solidarity. May what feels hard, be the "right" kind of hard—one that strengthens us in growth and connection. Let the cycle of suffering finally have its last day, and the Year of Jubilee begin with us. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** May the God of Hope Go with Us VU #424

*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.

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@cguc.ca for an appointment.

Church Roof Fundraiser – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$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 15th. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Sundays, in the mailbox located at the side entrance or by e-transfer 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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, July 23rd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

FündScrip

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, July 20th, at 6:30 pm. The UC men will assist Greg in leading the service.

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 Camp Abby. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

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 – To register, visit their website at www.campabegweit.ca 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 requests your assistance to help with the financial costs to 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 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, July 9th, 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.

Park Royal Church Ice Cream/Strawberry Social on Monday, 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.