

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
June 25, 2023 – 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion

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

Hey! I need you to hearing something really important.

**What is it?**

You need to be ready. Are you ready?

**Yes.**

Really ready?

**Absolutely! What's so important?**

First, take a deep breath. Ok, listen closely:

Call to Worship (continued)

God is here in our midst; God is listening to the stories we share.  
God knows us more deeply than we can imagine.

**What a wonderful reminder! As we rejoice in God's love,  
let us come together and worship in the light of community.**

\*Hymn

When Long before Time

VU #248

Prayer of Approach

**Our many-storied God, you give name to the prayer sung  
through our living. You created a world with so much potential  
for beauty. It is through this world that we experience the many  
stories that make us who we are. Help us to encounter you  
today during this time of beholding and wonder.**

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

VU #803

\*Hymn

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

VU #353

All God's Children

\*Hymn

'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

VU #353

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

A Celebration of Faith

We celebrate that where people are gathered together in love  
**God is present and good things happen and life is full.**

We celebrate that we are immersed in mystery that our lives are  
more than they seem,  
**that we belong to each other and to a universe of great creative  
energies, whose source and destiny is God.**

We celebrate that the Spirit of God beats in the heart of Jesus of  
Nazareth  
**and God's good news was heard by the broken and wounded.**

## A Celebration of Faith (continued)

We are glad that the spirit of peace is present with us, the church,  
**as we gather to celebrate our common existence, and the fidelity of God.**

And most deeply we believe that in our struggle to love,  
**we incarnate God in the world.**

And so aware of mystery and wonder, caught in friendship and laughter,  
**we become speechless before the joy in our hearts as we celebrate the sacredness of life.**

### Sharing the Peace

Let us take a moment to greet each other. May a heart of peace rest with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours*

### Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

God listens.  
God pauses.  
God responds.

**We listened.  
We have paused.  
And now we respond.**

We give as we are able, we give as we are called. Your offering will now be presented.

### Offertory

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

### \*Offertory Prayer

**God, use our offering, an outpouring of our response to you, as gifts for the world. Through this giving, may we be inspired to continue offering in this -- your world. Amen.**

### Listening for the Word

### Sacred Scripture

**Genesis 21:8-21**

**Matthew 10:24-39**

**Anthem**      *Bread of Life*      Choir

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Hymn**      Let us Break Bread Together      VU #480

### Introduction

The members of the Jesus movement regularly ate a meal together when they met together. It was a characteristic that they had in common with virtually every other social group in their world.

These meal traditions were not about personal salvation or payment for sin. Instead, they were about actions and offering hospitality, social identity and being in solidarity with those around them.

Communion than centres on celebration, presence and joy. I invite you to share in the deep history and mystery of those meals...

### Thanksgiving

May God's presence be recognized with you.  
**And with you.**

Life is a gift and we, its celebration.

**May we rejoice in the beauty of God's Creation.**

We give thanks and praise for all that is good in the world. For that mystery, we name as God...

For the person we name Jesus...

For the renewing strength and freedom of the Spirit...

**We give thanks for love, peace, and justice, for strength and freedom, and for the presence of the Sacred in the midst of life.**

God of winter, spring, summer, and autumn. God of all seasons.

God of lightning, wind, and storm...

God of brisk winter mornings and sunny, warm, humid summer days, we open ourselves to all the possibilities life offers us.

Thus, we join our celebration of life to all people, saying:

**Holy! Holy! Holy!**  
**Heaven and earth are holy and good.**

### **Bread and Wine**

We remember the times when Jesus faced difficult decisions and destructive forces:

- in the days and nights of his searching,
- in finding ways to free others from images and ideas that kept them captive and dependent and fearful of God,
- in breaking down social and religious barriers,
- in facing failure,
- in facing death.

When we too experience the winter of our lives, may we find the courage to let go and trust in God's guiding, warming light.

And as we eat together at this table, we remember the importance and the words and the actions of all meals in the tradition of Jesus...

*Bread broken, Wine poured out*

Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said, "**This is my body, that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**"

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.**"

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim Jesus' death and resurrection. Come, for all is ready. All are welcome at this table.

### **Response Prayer**

Jesus, human like us,

**reveals to us our true identity, temples of God's spirit.**

Jesus, human like us,

**reveals God's presence and activity throughout human history.**

Jesus, human like us,

**reveals God-always-with-us in our everyday loving.**

Jesus, human like us,

**challenges us to let his story be our story also. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

VU #468

### **Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction**

Go Now in Peace

### **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**

All of us

**Clergy**

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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 Leonard & Ethel Bowman and Huestis and Roy Smith. Lovingly remembered by Doug & June MacEachern and Family.

Today's bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Helen (MacLean) MacLeod. Lovingly remembered by sisters Mary, Ruth, Marjorie, and Leah. (She was the best of us.)

## **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.

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, July 9<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.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Church Roof Fundraiser** – At a recent congregational meeting, it was decided to fundraise the needed funds to repair the damage to the roof and siding from Hurricane Fiona. The estimated amount to repair the damage is \$42,064, less insurance coverage of \$26,625, leaves a net amount of \$15,438. A motion to raise \$18,000, in case of overruns, was approved. The fundraising timeline will be 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 [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.

**Congratulations Grads!!** – Congratulations to our recent graduates:

**High School Graduates:** Dylan Cummings, Sidney Ling, Finn McCourt, Colby Munro, Emma Quigley, Jack Quigley, Gabe Taweel, Kody Vos.

**Secondary School Graduates:** Keiran Andrews, Colton Bernard, Patrick Davis, Hallie Doucette, Mark Douglas, Melanie Hoekstra, Jenna Millar, Madison Vos.

Congratulations on your well-deserved success!!

**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](mailto:office@cquc.ca)

**Central Queens Praise Service** tonight, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Central Queens United Church. Come and enjoy performers Central Queens Musical Friends, Kirk Neville, Sarah Weeks and Wina Reardon. Free will offering.

**Bookworms United** meeting on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the church parlour. The novel is **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver.

**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.

**Central Queens United Church Giant Indoor Yard Sale** 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.

**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** – Registration is open! To register, visit their website at [www.campabeqweit.ca](http://www.campabeqweit.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 is in need of money to help send students to Camp. As of today, the requests have doubled 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 our camping ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Money can be sent to: Sharon Howatt, 1491 Waterview Road-Rte 120, Summerside, PE C1N 4J8

Camp Abby requires a part-time cleaner. They are looking for someone to clean after each camp and after a rental. The times will vary, depending on what is happening each week. To learn more about this position, contact Sharon Howatt at 902-432-9193 or [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) or Alex Corbett at [alexcorbett@bampabby.ca](mailto:alexcorbett@bampabby.ca).

### 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.

