

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada**

**June 4, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Trinity 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 the 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**

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

**Quiet Preparation for Worship (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)**

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit** "In the Lord" (Taize) X4

**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**

Let there be light and dark with us; that the waters meet the shores amidst us. Let the sky be open to your fullness; that our feet be grounded upon the earth in this moment.

**It is good.**

Let the fireflies radiate your brightness. Let the call of the loon bring us back to you.

**Is it good?**

We gather from days of light and after evenings of night. We are called this day into a moment to worship with all of creation.

**Good it is. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

VU 291

### **Prayer of Approach**

**Open to your creation, we come.**

**Like a wave falls unto its shore, we come.**

**Like a bird lands in its nest, we come.**

**Like the first star of the night appears, we come.  
Oh God, help us to come with open hearts for worship this day.**

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **Psalm 8**

VU 732

**\*Hymn** "Praise Our Maker

VU 316 vv. 1, 2

### **All God's Children**

**\*Hymn** "Praise Our Maker"

VU 316 v. 3

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

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

**Creator God, in the beginning, you created all things and said that they were good. Forgive us for the times in which we do not treat creation as if it is good, or worthy of our love.**

**Help us to be more fully part of the creation that is all around us.**

**Help us to journey with you, on this path unknown, with all that you created so that we can continue to nurture your world and live in your way.**

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

God loves us amidst our search for wholeness,  
Christ walks with us along our own stories of beginning again.  
spirit moves among us with the rhythm of all creation.  
Truly, it is good! Amen.

## **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

### **Offertory**

### **\*Presentation of Offering**

**\* Offertory**      "You Nourish Us"

VU 545

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**In the moment of waves, in the beauty of the creatures,  
in the starkness of the sky, in the beating of our hearts,  
you have given us so many gifts. May this small token be a gift  
that can be used to better the creation around us. This we pray.  
Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Scripture**

#### **Genesis 1.1-2.4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were

gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **Matthew 28.16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn** "Creator God you Gave Us Life"

MV 27



## **\*Blessing**

As we go out into the world, let there be light and dark with us. Let the water meet the shores amidst us. Let the tree bend from the wind's power. Let the sky be open to your fullness; let our feet be grounded upon the earth in this moment and in the moments to come.

**It is good.**

Let us go committed to God's world. Let us live in Christ's gentle and inspiring embrace. Let us move with the Spirit as it moves over the earth.

**For, it is indeed good. Amen.**

## **\*Choral Benediction**

### **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.