

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
May 21, 2023 – 10:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 Bless the Lord (Taizé) x 4

**Call to Worship** *Based on Psalm 68*

Sing to God

**and praise God's name.**

When we see white billowing clouds,

**we think of God's splendour and glory,**

but God is not too great to care for the lonely and desolate

**and stand up for those who are alone.**

God rules from a holy place,

**but makes a home for the lonely.**

God sets people free

**and sustains them.**

God causes abundant showers to fall,

**and revives us when we're tired.**

**Call to Worship** (continued)

God is among us and blesses us

**and so we praise God's name.**

With open hearts and minds; we worship God.

\*Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name VU #334

**Prayer of Approach**

What do you do when you are left alone? What do you do with that ball of crumpled emotion when meaning and purpose disappear, as the one you follow is taken, and the love you have chased is torn away? What do you do when you are left alone?

**Remember the dream!**

**Transform the visions into actions!**

**Turn the talk into work!**

**Follow in the footsteps!**

**Hear the future calling you!**

**Grow into community!**

**Pursue the promptings of your soul!**

**Let's go and adventure!**

**Be the church!**

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 VU #787

\*Hymn I'm Gonna Shout, Shout MV #183 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

\*Hymn I'm Gonna Shout, Shout MV #183 vs 3

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

**Call to Transformation and New Life**

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

There were times, gracious God, when we are steadfast and firm in our faith, like trees planted by streams of water.

*(Pause)*

And there are times when we bend with the winds of popularity and whim, giving into whatever attracts us, caring little for your way.

*(Pause)*

Forgive us.

*(Pause)*

Renew us with the refreshing winds of your spirit.

*(Pause)*

Make us new. Strengthen us to grow into your likeness, to bear good fruit, to be pleasing to you. We pray in Christ's name.

## Assurance of God's Love

### Presentation of Our Gifts

## Invitation to Generosity

## Offertory

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

## \*Offertory Prayer

Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so we, who are the gifts of creation, now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

## Sacred Scripture

Acts 1:6-14  
John 17:1-11

## Anthem

## Sermon

## Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

\***Hymn**      I Am a Child of God      MV #157

## \*Blessing

\***Choral Benediction**      Over My Head      MV #88

## Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

## Ministers

All of us

## Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

Office Hours

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.

**Today's Bulletins** are placed in memory of Betty Howatt. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

### 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.

### Next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – No Worship Service

As part of the annual meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council, you are invited to attend the worship service of Praise & Celebration of Ministry at the Performing Arts Centre and Residence building, UPEI (#21 on the campus map <https://files.upei.ca/map.pdf>) next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. There will be no worship service held here at Central Queens United.

**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).

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, May 28<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. Promotions for May: Indigo 8%, Winners/Homesense 8%, Boston Pizza 8% and Hello Fresh/Chef's Plate 9%.

**FündScrip**

### 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.

**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).

**Bookworms United** will meet this Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am in the church parlour. The book selection is the recent winner of Canada Reads, DUCKS by Kate Beaton.

**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.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**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.campabegweit.ca](http://www.campabegweit.ca) and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

**Camp Abby** is looking for donations. See insert for the list of their most needed items. They are also in need of donations of kitchen supplies, **specifically large pans for serving food**. If you have pans you would like to donate, please contact Alex Corbett at [alexcorbett@campabby.ca](mailto:alexcorbett@campabby.ca) or by phone at 902-626-8037.

**Financial Assistance for Camp Abby** – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth @ Region** (formerly I@C and YF) this weekend, May 26<sup>th</sup>-May 28<sup>th</sup> at UPEI in Charlottetown. Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between gr 6 and gr 12, meet from across New Brunswick, PEI, and the Gaspé. It is an inclusive, diverse, and safe community for youth in the name of Christ and a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church of Canada while sharing in music, worship, and fun in a spirit-filled community. For more information, please contact Catherine Stuart at [cstuart@united-church.ca](mailto:cstuart@united-church.ca). To register: [https://ucceast.ca/77877-youthregion-may-26-28-2023-university-of-price-edward-island?#gf\\_531](https://ucceast.ca/77877-youthregion-may-26-28-2023-university-of-price-edward-island?#gf_531)

**Annual Spring Roast Beef Take Out Supper** – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual spring take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: Adult: \$18; children (6-12 yrs): \$7; children under 6 yrs: free. There will be three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 5:30 pm. Tickets **must be ordered in advance** by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882.

**\*\*\*Please Note:** This dinner is take-out only. Customers should remain in their vehicles. Tickets will be collected at that time and meals will be delivered to your car.

**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).

**Save the Date!!** The annual Yard Sale at Central Queens United Church will be on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am – 12 pm. 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.

## Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** tomorrow, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Dino Dunsford welcomes fiddler Steven Perry and vocalist Lisa Logan Campbell. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

**QEH Foundation's Big Day of Giving** is this Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate with them on social media and tune in to Ocean 100 and HOT 105.5 Together we all can have a BIG impact on the health care of Islanders. Phone in your support by calling (toll free) 1-833-335-0545 or donate online by visiting [www.gehbigday.ca](http://www.gehbigday.ca). Thank you!!

**Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** this Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30 – 9:30 am at the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Rd. Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: \$5.

**Bookkeeper Wanted** – South Shore United Church is looking for a bookkeeper. A knowledge of the Sage 50 Premium program is required. This position will involve 3-4 hours of work monthly as well as extra time in June and again in February for end-of-year reports. Position to begin in June. If interested, contact Susan MacKay at 902-888-7496 or Mary Heckbert at 902-658-2305 for a detailed job description.



As they were watching,  
he was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him  
out of their sight.

Acts 1.9