

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
May 7, 2023 – 10:30 am

Fifth 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

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Bible Presentation

\*Introit                      Halle, Halle, Hallelujah                      VU #958 x 3

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Call to Worship

The Lord is our shepherd.

**We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.**

The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

**In Christ we dwell secure.**

The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

**We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate.**

Gathering Prayer

Loving shepherd, we feel the wolves close at hand. Gather us to yourself, that we might dwell secure in your ways. Deliver us from evil, that we might build a community where all may dwell secure. Mark our fellowship with study, prayer, communion, and the sharing of our possessions with those in need. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

VU #652

Prayer That Jesus Taught *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

\*Song of Praise

Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU #356

Prayer of Confession

Promise of Assurance

All God's Children

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

**Words From Our Bible**

Responsive Reading – Psalm 31

VU #758

**Acts 7:55-60**

**John 14:1-14**

In this is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reflective Music

## Responding

### Presentation of Our Gifts

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

### Prayers of Our Community

\*Closing Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

### \*Commissioning and Benediction

### \*Choral Amen

### Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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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.

**Thank You** – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading us in worship this morning.

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

Today's bulletins are also placed in memory of Robert Rackham. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today's bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ralph Howes. Lovingly remembered by Roby, Fred, Janet, Alyssa and Kaylee.

### 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.

### 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>) on 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 14<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%.

**FundScrip**

**Rosewood Service** will be held on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The choir will be assisting Greg with the service.

**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).

**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).

**Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit”** are meeting this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at the home of Joan D Bernard. Worship: Velda Bertram; Program: Joan G Bernard; Lunch: Velda Bertram & Kim Rodd. Roll Call will be answered by a verse or poem about mothers.

**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.

**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.

**Bookworms United** – The next meeting of Bookworms United is 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.

**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).

**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.

**Youth @ Region** (formerly I@C and YF) from 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 grade 6 and grade 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, 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)

**Camp Abby** is looking for 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.

### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Abi McCarthy and Luka Hall. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

