

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
October 1, 2023 – 10:30 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worldwide Communion 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 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

Greeting & Welcome

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary.

We gather this morning to share in the Word, the Cup and the Bread, and to receive God's deepest blessing that we might, in turn, be a blessing to others.

So, be welcome.

Be blessed.

Be.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the singing of the Introit*)

*Introit Rise Up, Rise Up MV #130

*Call to Worship

The whole world is in God's hands.

Everything that lives and breathes. Everything that simply is. Everything.

From the farthest spaces to the inmost places!

God is with us, and we are with God. Alleluia!

As people of Christ, gathered at the table with our sisters and brothers around the world to remember whose we are, we praise —

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! (*Canada*)

*Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth VU #226

Prayer of Approach

Holy and Gracious God, we gather as seekers, lovers, disciples, and friends. We gather to give you thanks for the blessings of our lives and to replenish and refuel for the road ahead. We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the warmth of your love. Bless this gathering as we join together in wholehearted worship.

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

Responsive Reading - Psalm 104 Parts 1 & 2 VU #826-827

*Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575

Sharing the Peace

**"The peace of Christ be with you,
and also with you."**

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* Presentation of Offering What Can I Do? MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we pray that our offering this morning will multiply our blessings so that our neighbours next door and across the globe might be nourished in body, mind, and spirit. We pray that your reign of love and justice be made tangible and visible and that no one be left out of the banquet. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Philippians 2:1-5

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

VU #467

Invitation of Communion

We rejoice in the God of Life, who gives us bread: the fruit of the earth worked with human hands and who makes it into the bread of life.

We rejoice in the God of Life who gives us wine: the fruit of the vine tended with daily care and puts the flavour of the new world into it.

As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine – into a visual symbol for us –

may our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world. *(Germany)*

Reconciliation

I commit, God, to searching for:

The healing of my relationship with you.

The healing of my relationship with myself.

The healing of my relationship with others.

The healing of my relationship with all your creation.

SHALOM! *(Chile)*

Assurance of Grace

Forgiveness is forgetting bad things, remembering good things.

Forgiveness is accepting God's love. *(China)*

Naming of Countries

In this World Communion, we pray for these particular countries:

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Ethiopia, Haiti, Lebanon, Syria

Words of Remembering

Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners, who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widows, orphans. Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power.

Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.

Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.

We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper. *(Korea)*

Prayer of Consecration

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself. Now, naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us and as wine that consoles us. You are Light and Truth. You are the Way and the Hope. You are Love. Grow in us. *(Guatemala)*

Sharing of the Elements

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow. Gathered, they are broken again and scattered throughout the city to make bread. The bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment.

Broken and scattered, broken, and scattered, and some becomes Christ's body broken for us as we are the people of God scattered through the city and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others. *(South Africa)*

We receive this bread, broken, scattered, and made whole.

(Pause)

We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.

(Pause)

Come, for all is ready.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry and to those who have bread, give us hunger for you. Amen. *(Mexico)*

***Hymn** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU #468

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Blessing**

May the God of Life, be your guide on the road every day, be your refuge in times of uncertainty and be your rest in times of fatigue.

May the God of Life, strengthen you when you feel weak, comfort you when you feel sad and hug you when you feel alone.

May the God of Life, who loves you and knows you, cover you with the tenderness of a mother. Forever. Amen. *(Argentina)*

***Choral Benediction** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1

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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ivan & Helena Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

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 for an appointment.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, October 15th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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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.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre resulted in a profit of \$13,305.13. A big thank you to one and all!!

Annual Fall Rost Beef Take-Out Supper – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual Fall take-out Hot Rost Beef Supper on Saturday, October 21st. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: \$18/adult, \$7/child (6-12 yrs old), free for preschoolers. 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 or Lois at 902-621-0669. *****Please Note:** This dinner is take-out only. Customers are asked remain in their vehicles. Tickets will be collected and meals will be delivered to your car.

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.

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.

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 Abegweit Fundraising Supper and Auction will now be held this Saturday, September 30th. There are tickets available for both eat in at 6:00 pm and take-out between 4 and 4:30 pm. Adults \$40.00 and children \$20.00. To order tickets, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193 after 3:00 pm.

Community News

Roast Turkey Dinner at Winsloe United Church this Saturday, September 30th, at 5 pm sharp. Take-outs available at 5:30 pm sharp. Tickets are \$30 each, children under six - no charge. For tickets, call 902-394-2777 or 902-368-1233.

Love in Action - Rev. Christine MacLeod and Rev. Dr. Karen MacLeod-Wilkie invite you to join them at a Kairos Mass Blanket Exercise at UPEI this Saturday, September 30th, at 1 pm. Meet at Park Royal United Church at 12:20 pm to carpool to UPEI. Help share a United Church presence and experience the power of what can be learned together through this exercise. Details of the event are below. Please wear an orange shirt if you are able.

KAIROS Mass Blanket Exercise – Saturday, September 30, 2023 @ 1 p.m. Location: UPEI Campus beside the IKERAS Tipi Rain Location: WA Murphy Student Centre in MacMillian Hall

The Native Council of PEI is working in partnership with IKERAS at UPEI to provide an Indigenous Rights History that has not been taught in schools. The event will be held on Saturday, September 30th, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Attendance is open to the public. Please join them at 1 pm; feast to follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets. A feast after the Blanket Exercise in the Foyer of the WA Murphy Student Centre.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, October 1st, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guest Kurt Bernard and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

“Milton Just for Fun Choir and Band” Concert on Sunday, October 1st, at 7 pm at the Stanley Bridge Memorial Centre (former Stanley Bridge United Church). For further information, call Helen MacEwen at 902-836-3222.

Trinity United Church Roast Beef Dinner!! on Saturday, October 14th, at 5:30 pm in the Trinity United Church Gym, 220 Richmond St, Charlottetown PE C1A 1J5. Tickets are \$20 and **must be purchased in advance**. For inquiries, please stop by in person or call the church office at 902-892-4114 or email TrinityCliftonUnitedChurch@gmail.com.

PEI Protestant Children's Trust Fall Scholarship - Applications Open September 1st. This scholarship is for a PEI Protestant student (regardless of denomination) to attend Holland College and could be up to \$4000 per recipient. Applications are accepted online only through the [Community Foundation of PEI Application Portal](#). The criteria for the scholarship along with information about supporting documents is included in the portal. Important dates, answers to frequently asked questions and a direct link to the application portal can be found on our website at www.cfpei.ca/apply/scholarships/. Any questions about the Community Foundation of PEI or the scholarship, please email ebourgeois@cfpei.ca or phone 902-892-3440 (main line) or Emma Bourgeois at 802-200-8567. Deadline for applications is October 31st.

JESUS, MY SAVIOR, FRIEND, AND MEDIATOR . . .

You came to me behind the closed doors
of my sin, my doubt, and my confusion
to open my heart,
to free my soul, to prepare my spirit
for your indwelling.

I come to you with the gift of myself –
an offering of love –
a life made new, a heart made clean,
a will surrendered.

For now and forever, I am yours, my Lord.

By: J.B. Hoff

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace. Hebrews 4:16