

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

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth After Pentecost

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

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

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

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is good to be together.

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 asked 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** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” MV 10 v. 1

Call to Worship

God says, “I will fill your cup and then some.”

We come now to receive.

Jesus says, “I bring abundant life to all.”

We come now to share.

Spirit says, “I fill your hearts with love.”

We come now to love.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn** “We Plough the Fields” VU 520

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 our spirits for the road ahead.

We gather to learn the wisdom of your way and feel the warmth of your love.

Bless our gathering as we join our hearts and minds together in worship.

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 65

VU 782

***Hymn** "God Made Flowers"

All God's Children Sing 49

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Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Now in response to God's love and generosity, let us take up our offering in support of the mission and ministry of our congregation and the Mission and Service of our wider church.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory**

***Offertory Prayer**

Like the psalmist, gracious God, we love living with you and we are grateful for our many blessings. We love knowing that you are present with us as we journey through life. With thanksgiving in our hearts, we pray that our gifts of time, talent and treasure will bless our neighbours, near and far. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:7–18 God will bring you to a bountiful land.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and

flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Luke 17:11–19 Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Gracious God,
move us to thanksgiving,
not because of all that we have received,
but because of your love of us.
Move us to thanksgiving,
not only for the bounty of the harvest,
but for your ongoing presence in the world
and your promise of abundant life for all.
Move us to thanksgiving, not just today, but every day.
Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our generosity.
Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our service.
Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our compassion
as we take a moment now to offer the prayers of our hearts in
silence. Amen.

***Hymn** “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

VU 519

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

See the **light is now changed**. It has taken on a different form.
But it is still here! It's absorbed in you. It clings to you.
Go cradle and share the **Light**. **Share** it to others as we go about
your daily living. **Go and live in the light**, Carriers of the light.

***Benediction**

In the spirit of Thanksgiving,
go into the world, this week,
determined to share God's lavish love with all
whom you encounter. Go love God,
go love yourselves and
go love others,
knowing that God goes the way with you.
Thanks be to God!

***Choral Benediction** "Peace Be with You" MV 215

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.