



*Children may retire to Sunday School*

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

### **Prayer of Transformation and New Life**

God of change, we want to be transformed:

Where there is forgetfulness about the earth,

**may I be a remembrance of your love for the earth.**

Where there is unawareness of relationship with the earth,

**let me remind people, we are the earth.**

Where there is only talk about private property,

**may I remind folks that the earth belongs to you.**

Where there is a sense of ownership, when we think we own  
the earth,

**let me say out loud that we belong to the earth.**

When we only talk and preach and pray about humans,

**let me pray with animals and plants, trees and rivers and  
mountains.**

Where there is only talk about heaven,

**let me speak about the earth hurting right now.**

Where there is a spirituality of words only,

**may I touch the ground, lean on a tree, hold a plant, touch  
the water, breathe a long breath, and listen to the birds.**

**Amen.**

## **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

### **Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering** Grant Us, God, the Grace VU #540

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God of Creation, we are thankful for your awesome work in creation. You have weaved all of life together, and it is very good. We are grateful for all that protects and cares for your good works: the sunlight and water that sustains life, the earth that grounds and nourishes life, and the earth-beings that care for and protect life. We ask your blessings on the actions we offer here and on the actions of those across the church and beyond during this Earth Week. God of Creation,

**Together we are stronger.**

As we care for your creation, provide us with the humility and curiosity needed to continually learn about the marvels of your works, and to deepen our understanding of how our actions, good and bad, affect all of creation. We ask your blessing on the intentions we offer here today, and on intentions we offer here today and on the intentions of those across the church and beyond during this Earth Week. God of Creation

**Together, we are stronger.**

Although the journey is hard, and our hearts might be afraid and filled with doubts, may we continue to act and learn towards climate justice, with the confidence and strength of your presence guiding us. We ask, in your love, to answer the prayers we offer today and the prayers of those across the church and beyond acting together during this Earth Week. God of Creation:

**Together, we are stronger.**

May we continue to follow in the way that you are leading with hopeful and daring hearts, until we have reached your commonwealth of justice and peace for all.

**Amen.**

### **Affirmation for the Earth**

**God of Love,**

**I bless the Earth with affirming words of life in fullness,**

**I affirm the rights of animals to live in honor.**

**I affirm the rights of rivers to be clean.**

**Affirmation for the Earth** (continued)

I affirm alternative forms of energy.

I affirm full life to the oceans.

I affirm the life of Jesus to the world as I remember Jesus' denial.

In Jesus' name, who was affirmed even when denied.  
Amen.

**Listening for the Word**

**Sacred Scripture**

1 John 3:16.24

John 10:11-18

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

\*Hymn We Have This Ministry VU #510

\*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace VU #964

**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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.

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**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.

**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).

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, April 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. April's promotion is Sobeys/Lawton's 5%.

**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.

**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).

**Sunday School** has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca). Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

**Sealed Tenders for Grass Cutting** are being accepted for Central Queens United Church Cemetery (Hunter River and Greenvale cemeteries). Please drop off tenders at Central Queens United Church's mailbox, side door. Cut off date is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Lois at 902-621-0669.

**Y@R** is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and 12, meet from across New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Gaspé, Quebec. It takes place during the Annual Meeting of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (FSLDW), May 31-June 2, 2024. To register, please follow this link: <https://ucceast.ca/82679-fsldw-youthregion>. If you have any questions, please email Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at [cstuart@united-church.ca](mailto:cstuart@united-church.ca), or Lisa Folkins, Director, at [lisa.folkins@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.folkins@gmail.com).

**Food Bank** – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

**Puzzle/Book Exchange** – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

### **National Indigenous Council Responds to the Results of Remit 1**

Posted on: April 9, 2024

by Lori-Ann Livingston

*Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization* has passed. The church's National Indigenous Council, its 16 regional councils, and 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada participated in the vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

The National Indigenous Council offer words of thanks for all who have brought the church to this moment and state their commitment to moving forward together on the path of Right Relations.

### **Vision Statement from the National Indigenous Council on the Results of Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization**

We, the National Indigenous Council, are a diverse group of Indigenous Peoples, rooted in distinct innate values and wisdom. We:

- Carry a common vision and dream
- Respect everyone's story
- Care for one another
- Uphold community
- Build positive relationships.

We thank our Ancestors and All Our Relations who have brought us to this moment.

We are all spirit first.

The work of Right Relations continues.

We commit to moving forward together in a good way.

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on this afternoon, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guest Kurk Bernard, drummer Billy Matthews, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Verdi's REQUIEM** – Majestic choral drama from the great opera composer on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church, downtown Charlottetown. 60 voices of the Island Choral Society and Luminos Ensemble, with the Luminos Chamber Orchestra, and soloists Georgia Edwards, Hannah O'Donnell, Justin Simard and Brodie MacRae. A once-in-a-generation performance of one of the greatest works in the choral repertoire. Admission: \$25 online at [IslandChoralSociety.ca](http://IslandChoralSociety.ca) and at the door. Information: [islandchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:islandchoralsociety@gmail.com); 902-628-6778

**Profiting from Healthcare!** The PEI Health Coalition invites you to attend a lecture entitled “Profiting from Care; What’s the Problem?” with guest speaker, Dr. Pat Armstrong on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Colonel Gray High School Lecture Theatre (174 Spring Park Rd). Dr. Pat Armstrong is a distinguished research Professor Emeritus at York University, a prolific writer/author and public speaker.

**Roast Beef Dinner at Winsloe United Church** on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm. sharp. Take-outs available at 4:40 pm. sharp. Tickets are \$30 each, children under six - no charge. For tickets call 902-218-7514, 902-330-1581 or 902-368-1233. Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Hunter-Clyde Run for the River** – 5 km Walk/Run on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Kent G. Ellis Park, Hunter River. Race starts at 10:30 am. Cost: \$20/person. BBQ, live music and lawn games to follow. Register in person or at <https://forms.gle/rNDinTTXo737xwSh9>. First 20 people registered will receive a free t-shirt!

They are also looking to borrow a BBQ for the community BBQ following the Run and a volunteer first-aider. This volunteer should have a high level of first aid (ei: paramedic, volunteer firefighter, registered nurse, first responder training, or an equivalent level of first aid).

**Trinity United Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner!!** Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with pick up from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Sydney Street door at Trinity United Church, 220 Richmond St., Charlottetown. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and lemon cake with cream cheese icing for dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please stop by in person or call the church office 902-892-4114 or email [trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com) to inquire.

**Maritime Christian College - Kt Norris Lectures 2024 – Convincing the World the News is Good** from May 7 – 9 at Sherwood Christian Church, 9 Lilac Ave, Charlottetown. Speaker: Matt Dabbs, Church Planter, Auburn, AL. Morning Sessions: 9:30 am to 12 pm. Evening Sessions: 7:30 – 9 pm. No registration required. Free will offering. For more information, visit <https://www.mccpei.com/kt-norris-lectures>.