

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 7, 2024 – 10:30 am

Second 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

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 indeed good to be together.

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

As we join in worship this day, we might feel like the disciples, overwhelmed by grief. After all, the state of the world is so uncertain now.

**But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, "Peace be with you."**

We might feel like Thomas, looking for physical signs that the unbelievable could be true. After all, nothing like this has ever happened before.

**But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, "Here are the marks on my body."**

Can we really believe that Jesus is here again?

**Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on us. Christ's peace is with us. We don't need to be afraid.**

Our resurrected Christ calls us to worship, and we receive the peace of Christ.

**Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn                      Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks                      VU #179

Prayer of Approach

**Resurrected Christ, you have taught us how the unbelievable can be possible. When there is so much to fear in the world, we can find peace in your presence. As we worship, breathe your Spirit on us, that we may carry it with us. Help us comfort our neighbors. Help us serve a world of need. We pray this with thanksgiving for your work among us.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 133                      VU #856

\*Hymn                      Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold                      VU #605

All God's Children

Hymn                      Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold                      VU #605

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

### Offertory

#### \*Presentation of Offering

Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

VU #537

#### \*Offertory Prayer

God of the Resurrection, help us use these gifts to offer hope where there is sorrow, peace where there is chaos and love where there is fear. We can do incredible things because your Spirit lives within us. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

#### Sacred Scripture

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

#### Anthem

#### Sermon

#### Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

#### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

.... Lord Jesus,

Reveal to them your risen presence.

#### \*Hymn

Jesus, Stand among Us

VU #396

#### \*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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**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Archie Vickerson. Lovingly remembered by Walter, Pat, and family.

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#### Ministers

All of us

#### Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

#### Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm

#### Office Phone

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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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Rosewood Service** will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The Elders will assist Greg in leading the service.

**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).

**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).

**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 in the wooden box at the church entrance any Sunday or during church office hours.

**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.

**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.

**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!!

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Chad Matthews, Steven Perry, drummer Billy Matthews, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**The Rural Municipality of Hunter River** is pleased to be hosting a series of free luncheons for seniors at the Hunter River Community Centre, 19816 Route 2. The first of these luncheons will be held on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12 pm. Corn chowder, homemade biscuits and dessert will be served. *Pre-registration is required* no later than noon on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and can be done by calling 902-621-2170 or emailing [admin.hunter.river@gmail.com](mailto:admin.hunter.river@gmail.com).

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**Parkdale Spring Craft & Flea Market** this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am – 1 pm at Park Royal United Church. Lots of new and new-to-you items – delicious baked goods, plants, children’s items, spring décor, healthy dog treats, and much more. Lots of parking. Wheelchair accessible. Admission: \$2. Proceeds to two different charities.

**St. John’s Anglican Church**, Milton will be holding a Silent Auction and Cake Auction at the Milton Community Hall, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. They will also be selling tickets on a gift basket with the draw for the basket being made that night.

**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>.

**FROM GOD TO US**

God give us STRENGTH  
that we may be *servants*,  
God gives us HOPE  
that we may be *Encouragers*,  
God gives us COMPASSION  
that we may be *Comforters*  
God gives us JESUS  
that we may be *Family*.

*By: B. J. Hoff*