

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

June 30, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Sixth 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 joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Gathering Solo

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

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask 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** "Breath of God, Breath of Peace" MV #24 v.3

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 130)

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Holy One. God, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If you, O God, should mark iniquities, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits, and in the Word we hope; our soul waits for the Holy One more than those who watch for the morning.

O creation, hope in the Creator! For with the Holy One there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem.

It is the Creator who will redeem creation from all its imperfections.

***Hymn** "Draw the Circle Wide" MV #145

Prayer of Approach

Dear precious God, be upon us this day in our worship and praise. Strengthen our faith in the inclusive and loving teachings of Christ and may the Holy Spirit be our guide as we pray and discern our gathering as your church to be the disciples of God's realm in the world today. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ.

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

VU# 853

Hymn "Jesus Hands were Kind Hands"

VU #570

All God's Children

Hymn "Jesus Hands were Kind Hands"

VU #570

Offertory Invitation

As people of God, we are called by the Spirit to continue the work of Jesus and the disciples who sought to build up beloved community. We are each equipped by the Spirit with particular skills, gifts, passions, abilities, and experiences to continue that work.

In these moments of quiet and reflection: what is it that you have been gifted with and are open to offering this day to bring about God's beloved community on Earth?

Offertory "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Word

2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!
How the mighty have fallen!
Tell it not in Gath,

proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,
let there be no dew or rain upon you,
nor bounteous fields!
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!
In life and in death they were not divided;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.
I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
greatly beloved were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

Mark 5:21–43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.’ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, ‘If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.’ Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ And his disciples said to him, ‘You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?”’ He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any

further?’ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, ‘Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha cum’, which means, ‘Little girl, get up!’ And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Solo

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are our source of peace and healing, and we are grateful.
Today we pray for each one who faces choices and decisions
about their health – for those trying to follow good diets and
exercise enough;

for all waiting for appointments or wondering if they should make another;

for any who find caring for their health frustrating ,

and for all facing pain or anxiety day by day.

(Pause)

Lord Jesus Christ:

you are our source of wisdom and generosity, and we are grateful.

Today we pray for each one facing hard choices about finances – for those struggling with bills and budgets;

for those torn between covering necessities and enjoying a treat;

for those who want to be generous and yet feel overwhelmed by all the need.

(Pause)

Lord Jesus Christ,

you are our source of love and forgiveness, and we are grateful.

Today we pray for each one facing choices about their relationships.

We pray for people we ought to call but just haven't;

for those with whom we feel a grievance and have been avoiding;

We pray for those we'd like to invite into closer relationship but haven't yet;

and for those we miss dearly and need to tell how much we cherish them.

(Pause)

Lord Jesus Christ:

you are the source of rest and right relationship for God's whole creation, and we are grateful.

We pray for the earth, its many creatures and habitats competing for survival,

for its scarce resources and its abundant beauty.

(Pause)

Challenge us to live out our good intentions for the earth
in our lifestyle choices, big and small,
so that your kin-dom may come on earth
not by disaster but through discipleship. Amen.

***Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” VU #242

Changing of the Light

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.

***Blessing**

Dear Friends as we go out into the world seeking healing of all
kinds, let us share the faith and hope that we carry in Christ. Be
the light of peace and healing to a world which seeks it in the
Name of God who created, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

Choral Benediction “Go, Make A Diff’rence” MV 209

Postlude

*Please rise as you are able.