

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

June 9, 2024 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation

Holy Communion



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.

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

The Community Gathers

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 Introit*)

***Introit** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
VU #400

***Call to Worship**

We gather in the presence of God and one another.

The love of God gives us our place.

We gather here in the presence of mystery.

The love of God gives us our place.

We gather here in the presence of Jesus and all those who have traveled this way before us.

The love of God gives us our place.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

VU #509

Prayer of Approach

O God, in you we live and move and have our being. With you we are always at home. Help us, through Christ, to know and experience this reality with every cell in our bodies, so that, with Christ and in Christ, we might love you and worship you with all our hearts.

Hymn

Walk with Me

VU #649

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to consider our needs for transformation and forgiveness. I invite you to quietly reflect on our need for grace.

Dear God, creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness from you, my siblings, sisters and brothers in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace in all I do. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Words of Grace (2 Corinthians 4:13)

“Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— “I believed, and so I spoke”— we also believe, and therefore we also speak” in the affirming knowledge that when we turn to God with our shortcomings, we are renewed in God’s Love by the grace of Christ. Amen.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Faith (Confirmation) – *Please refer to Accompanying Pamphlet*

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Mark 3:20-35

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to God’s Word

Offertory Invitation

*Offertory

Grant Us God, the Grace

VU #540

*Presentation of Offering

Offertory Prayer

O God, we give you thanks that you are our dwelling place. In you we live and move and have our being. As we offer you our gifts, help us to reach out into your world with hands that heal and hearts that reconcile. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

God be with you

And also with you

Open your hearts to the One who is Love

We open our hearts to you, O God

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together

To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out – searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, expressing praise to you,

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna, among us

Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors, but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so, in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness in all life. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds – not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying: “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again. May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection. Enliven us in our pursuit of a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated. In collective longing for a taste of your Kin-dom on earth, we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

Our Creator, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy Kin-dom 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 trespassed against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

The body of Christ broken for you.
The Cup of Blessing poured out for you.

Come for all is ready, this table knows no bounds, all are welcome!

All are Welcome to the Table

Prayer after Communion

God, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you make us one body. Bind us together by your Spirit that we might live into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care. May it be so.

***Hymn** There's a Spirit in the Air VU #582

***Changing of the Light**

***Blessing**

Let us leave this place knowing that wherever we go, God is there at home in the whole creation. May the blessing of God - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - be with us in all the places of our lives, this day and always. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** Go Make a Diff'rence MV
#209

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.

Welcoming New Members – Today Alex Trivers, Braden Corbett, Evan Weeks, and Isaac Tweel will be affirming their Baptismal vows (Confirmation). We welcome them as new members to Central Queens United Church.

Communion – Today we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please note: the bread being served today is gluten-free.

Greg will be away from tomorrow, June 10th – June 24th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, June 16th.

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, June 23rd. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for May are Boston Pizza-8%; Winners/Homesense-8%; Hello Fresh and Chef’s Plate-10%.

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, June 20th, at 6:30 pm. The UCW will be leading the service.

Official Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th, at 7:15 pm at the church. All are welcome.

Financial Assistance for Camp Abby – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by June 18th.

Camp Abby needs your assistance to help keep their weekly costs down. If you can donate, please leave your items on the cart in the main foyer. An itemized list of Camp Abby’s “Most Wanted Wish List” is posted by the cart.

Baby/Children Blankets – Our supply of baby blankets is getting low. We also need blankets suitable for children. Are you are interested in knitting or crocheting a blanket or two or donating yarn? Please drop them off to the church office. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

Weekly Bulletins can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Bulletin Deadline – A reminder that the deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be mailed to office@cquc.ca.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Graduates – We are in the process of gathering names of individuals who will be graduating this year. If you know of anyone graduating from high school, university or college, please submit their name to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) or Greg (minister@cquc.ca or 902-964-2291) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

Save the Dates – Central Queens' Yard Sale on Saturday, August 10th, from 8 – 11:30 am. Items may be dropped off during office hours and stored in the first classroom.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. If you would like to put your name on the list, please call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, June 16th, at 2 pm. Hosts The Four Hearts and a Jack welcome special guests The Langille Boys. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Brackley Beach WI is hosting Swing Inn Time, a Festival of Small Halls show, on Monday, June 17th, at 7:30 pm at the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. The show features The Vaudevillian and Inn Echo. Further information and tickets (\$30) are available online at smallhalls.com. It's going to be a great evening!