

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday



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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
10:30 am

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 Introit*)

*Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord

VU #10

*Call to Worship

Who comes this way?

I wonder who he is?

They say he is the Christ. That means Messiah,

That means the Anointed One, the Saviour, the Sovereign.

Who comes this way?

Is it really him? I want him to beat the Romans and save us from poverty and hunger.

***Call to Worship (Continued)**

Is he victorious? Is he powerful? Is he scary? Where is he from? Greece? Rome? Jerusalem? Hunter River?

They say he comes from Bethlehem and grew up in Nazareth and Galilee.

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

Who comes this way?

Who is he? Why are we cheering him on? Is he good or bad? He must be rich to get such praise. I need a higher glimpse of him. I just want to see his face and then I will know who he is, let me see...

Wait!

Wait!

It is only a man.

And he is just on a donkey, no conquering steed. It is only a man, what is so great about him?

Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

Hosanna means “save us” and “we pray” But who is this man that will save us?

Who comes this way?

***Procession of the Palms**

***Hymn** Sing it Hosanna

Prayer of Approach

God of love and compassion, we celebrate your disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

In that same way we anticipate, with expectant hearts, your presence in this place.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, knowing your love has arrived and is made real in Jesus the Christ.

Hosanna in the Highest!

We come, prepared to be changed by the grace we receive in your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Approach (continued)

We come, with our whole being to prepare the way for coming of love incarnate.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest! Amen!

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 118 *Parts 1, 3 & 4* VU #837

***Hymn** He Came Riding on a Donkey VU #124 vs 1 & 2

All God’s Children

Hymn He Came Riding on a Donkey VU #124 vs 3

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Loving God, we have journeyed through the long Season of Lent in the hopes of drawing closer to you. Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem mocking the powers of oppression, but the week ahead will bring the full force of the Roman Empire where there will be torture, trial, and death.

God, we know there are times when we have betrayed you, denied you and turned away from you. We recall the times when we have behaved like the crowd that shouts their praise today but will shout “Crucify him” later this week.

We humbly ask your forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Words of Grace

In the powerful events of Jesus’ passion and death, God demonstrates that there are no limits to the love God has for us, no matter what we do. Remember the examples of love that

Words of Grace (Continued)

Jesus gives and be free to live fully. It is in that forgiveness and unconditional love we are able to proclaim our faith...

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
VU #149 vs 4

***Offertory Prayer**
Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture – Mark 11:1-11

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! VU #127

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Throughout These Lenten Days and
Nights
VU #108 vs 1

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – March 28th at 7 pm (Communion)

Good Friday – March 29th at 10:30 am

Sunrise Service – March 31st at 6:30 am

Easter Service with Communion – March 31st at 10:30 am

Life and Work of Our Church

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory of Ann Andrews. Lovingly remembered by Kevin, Susan, and family.

Bulletins are also in loving memory of Hilda & Alfred Stead by their family.

Bulletins are also in loving memory of Mary Smith. Lovingly remembered by Gordon, Margaret, and family.

Ministers	All of us
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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.

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.

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.

Congratulations to Sarah Weeks & Jeff Connolly on the birth of their daughter, Maisie Elizia Weeks Connolly.

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.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page if our church service is cancelled.

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.

Bulletin Deadline–Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

FundScrip –The next order date is March 31st. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The March promotions are Home Hardware 4.5% and Swiss Chalet/Montana's 7%.

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. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

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, or Lisa Folkins, Director, at 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.

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!!

Camp Abby Annual Meeting tomorrow, March 25th, at North Bedeque United Church. The meeting will begin at 6 pm. Each charge is asked to send at least one rep to the meeting to gather information. For more information, please contact Sharon Howatt at yshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca.

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Community News

“A Holy Week – Time of Meditation and Scripture” with music and reflection on piano and organ. Join Rev. Rachel Campbell and Louise Elder at Trinity United Church, Summerside, this Wednesday, March 27th, from 12:30 – 1:15 pm. Coffee and tea will be provided. You are invited to bring a lunch to enjoy as you listen and ponder the time of Holy Week. All are welcome.

Chili Cook-Off this on Saturday, March 23rd, from 5 – 7 pm. Cook-off entrants will need to bring at least 8 cups of chili, hot and ready to serve, equipment to keep it hot and a serving spoon. A chili dinner will also be prepared for all who would rather eat than cook. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. Admission by donation to the Hunter River Community Fridge or bring along a non-perishable food donation. Prizes for the cook-off will be awarded at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Municipal Office. (Storm Date: March 24th).

Central Queens Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting – The Central Queens Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6th, at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1- 2 pm. Meeting to begin at 2 pm. Everyone welcome. Storm date will be Saturday, April 13th, at 2 pm.

Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Sunday, April 7th, 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.

Spinal Cord Injury PEI is excited to have staff trying to reach Seniors with mobility disability, not just a Spinal Cord Injury. If you know someone with a physical mobility disability and are 55 years or older, please have them reach out to the organization at 902-370-9523 or email Glen at scipeiceo@gmail.com.