

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

**October 20, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**22nd 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 the 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 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** “Come All You People”

MV #2

### **Call to Worship**

Bless the LORD, O my soul, for the Lord our God is great.

**God is clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in brightness like a garment.**

God stretches out the heavens like a tent, riding on wings of the wind.

**O Lord, in wisdom you have made each a unique creature. With all of them, we come to praise you.**

Let us praise God’s holy name together!

**\*Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living”

VU #242

### **Prayer of Approach**

**Faithful God,  
you do not promise that following you will be easy,  
but you teach us that your way  
is one of peace, gentleness, and mercy,  
of welcome for all.  
Guide us by your wisdom**

**and inspire us to embrace this way of living,  
so that we might draw near to you.**

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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c VU # 826–827 Parts 1 & 2

**\*Hymn** “This Is God's Wondrous World” VU #296 v. 1, 2

### **All God's Children**

**Hymn** “This Is God's Wondrous World” VU #296 v. 3

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

## **Invitation to Generosity**

The invitation to give is a gift not a debt. We share our resources because we were created to be mutually dependent upon one another. When we give generously, we demonstrate our faith in God's generosity, provision and abundance. Therefore, let us give with thanksgiving and love for God and our neighbour.

## **\*Presentation of Offering**

**\* Offertory** "What Can I Do?" MV #191

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Good and Generous God, receive these gifts as an offering of our love and lives. May they be used to benefit your people and to honour your holy name. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

## **Prayer for Understanding**

Go in the freedom of new life in Christ.  
Go in the liberty that transcends the ways of the world.  
Go in the hope, power, and peace of the good news. Amen.

## **Sacred Scripture**

### **Job 38:1–7, (34–41)**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

‘Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

‘Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, “Here we are”?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?  
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?  
Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?

## **Mark 10:35–45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’

They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## **Reflective Music**

## **Responding to the Word**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of each and every life,  
you open our eyes on the world you love  
to show us your presence and purpose in all creation.  
We thank you for the wonders of the seasons as they change,  
and for gifts of love and compassion you offer us through friend  
and stranger.  
We pray for the earth as it struggles to support your many  
creatures.  
Make us better stewards in creation,  
and kinder neighbours to both friend and stranger.

God, in your deep mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of justice,  
you open our eyes on the world to show us its struggles and  
conflicts.  
We see the burdens many are carrying,  
and the way differences create division.  
We pray for all those struggling with daily expenses these days  
and for those feeling stress over hard choices.  
Show us how to support those in difficulty  
and mend relationships in our community.

God, in your deep mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion,  
you open our eyes on the world to show us suffering and despair.  
We see challenges for health care all around us,

and share the impatience to improve access to needed treatments in so many communities.

We pray for those who are suffering in so many places in the world you love.

*(silence)*

Give strength and compassion to all who provide life-giving care, and courage and hope to all who wait for healing.

God, in your deep mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom,  
you open our eyes on the world to show us its complexities.  
We see countries locked in old animosities  
and communities overwhelmed by fresh upheaval.  
We pray for the millions displaced in current conflicts and by natural disasters.  
Open the eyes of leaders here and around the world  
to the suffering of the earth and those in their jurisdictions.  
And open all our eyes to ways we can participate in solutions  
to situations which break your heart and ours.

God, in your deep mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries on PEI. Today we pray for the churches of Western PEI and their clergy, **Rev. Erasmus Midimbu** and the congregations of Alberton-Elmsdale Pastoral Charge Gordon Memorial United and Elmsdale United. **Rev. Barbara Cairns** and the congregation of Bedeque United Church. **Rev. Christine Schulze** and the congregations of Bedeque North Pastoral Charge including Freetown and Lot 16 United Churches. **Rev. Tara Ann**



**Gourson** and the congregations of Bideford-Conway Pastoral Charge including Tyne Valley and Lot 14 United Churches. **Rev. Rachel Campbell** and the congregation of Trinity United Church in Summerside.

God, in your deep mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**\*Hymn** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

VU #339

### **Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

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.

### **\*Commissioning**

So may the God who made you,  
the Christ who mends you,  
and the Spirit who brings you life  
bless and keep you now and always.

### **\*Benediction**

Go in the freedom of new life in Christ.  
Go in the liberty that transcends the ways of the world.  
Go in the hope, power, and peace of the good news. Amen.

**\*Choral Benediction** You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU #884

### **Postlude**

**\*Please stand as you are able.**