

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

Oct 06, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Twentieth After Pentecost

World Wide Communion Sunday

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

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** “Come All You People”

MV #2

***Call to Worship**

The banqueting table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.
**We have come from east and west, from north and south,
to sit together at the Lord’s table.**

Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.
God’s Word is bread for our journey.

Let us join Christians around the world to share in God’s gifts.
Let us taste and see that God is good!

***Hymn** “We Gather Here”

VU #469

Prayer of Approach

Infinite God,
as we come to your table today,
we recognize that, here, heaven and earth join hands.
Around this holy table,
we join with your Church which stretches around the world,
and across many generations, to meet you in our midst.
As we remember Jesus this day,
unite us with those who have served you over the centuries,

and to all who serve you in so many different ways today.
We praise you for your amazing love
which embraces this congregation
and invites us into a future you are creating.
Here, O God, let us join hands with heaven and earth
to celebrate your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 19

VU #740-741

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Ever present God,
when you invite us to your table,
you ask us to come with clean hands and clean hearts.
You ask us to come in peace,
seeking reconciliation with you and one another.**

We confess that the Church has not always sought reconciliation within or beyond its walls.

In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.

(Silence)

**Free us from the burdens we carry,
so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world
in the name of Christ who is our peace. Amen.**

Words of Grace

From now on, St Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Know that you are forgiven and have the courage to forgive one another.

Sung Response Halle, halle, hallelujah!

VU #958

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hymn "Small Things Count"

VU #361

Invitation to Generosity

World Communion Sunday reminds us that we are part of a global family, committed to serve our neighbours in Jesus' name. The

gifts we offer join the gifts of many others to bring the love and compassion of Christ into places of deep need. Let us bless others as we have been blessed in Christ.

Offertory “What Can I Do?”

MV #191

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious and generous God, we offer you our gifts with humble thanks for all you have provided. Bless them with your Spirit and use them to bless those in deepest need with love they can taste and justice they can celebrate in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

By your Word, O God, open our minds to greater understanding and our hearts to deeper love.

Strengthen our determination to live out the Gospel we meet in Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Sacred Word

Genesis 2:18-24

Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living

creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “The Life You Give is Good” R. Klusmeier

Sermon

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

An Invitation to Communion

On the night he was arrested, Jesus came to the table with those he loved to share a meal that promised freedom, freedom that required courage and sacrifice. He took bread and blessed the God of all creation.

He broke the bread among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body, given for you.

When the supper was ended, he took a cup of wine
and gave thanks to the God of all creation.
He passed the cup among his disciples and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it.
This is the cup of the new covenant,
sealed in my blood for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this to remember me.

So now we do as Jesus did.
We take this bread and this wine, ordinary things of the world.
In these, Jesus has promised to be present;
through these Christ can make us whole.

As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth,
let us also bless God for what we receive.

Hymn "Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"

MV #194

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts;
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;
it is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our greatest calling and joy to give you
thanks and praise, Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth.
You spoke, and all things came into being:
Your Spirit swept over creation,
and brought order out of chaos,
life from the formless void.
From the elements of the earth you created humankind,
each unique, all made in your holy image.
Your breath gave us life and called us to live with you
in loving service to neighbour and stranger alike.
Yet when we turned away from you, you never turned from us.
Through the prophets, you called us back to your ways.
You sent Jesus, your Child, born of a mother's flesh,
to reveal the full extent of your grace and love.
Again and again you welcome us to your side
with the open arms of a loving parent.
Therefore we join our voices with those from every time and
place, to proclaim your glory in the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your son Jesus, O God.
Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, loving the lost and lonely,
he brought healing and wisdom to those who sought him out.
His life revealed your kingdom taking shape in this world.
As we break bread and share wine in his name,

with your people here and in every place,
we recall the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, as we remember Jesus, poured out for our sakes. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are realized, and joy will be shared at the banquet you prepare for us when heaven and earth join hands.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours,
Tender and Mighty God, now and forever.**

The Words of Jesus

The Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said,
“This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me.”

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.
The lifeblood of Christ,

the cup of blessing.

The gifts of God for the people of God,

Thanks be to God!

Come, for all is ready.

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,

you have nourished us, body and soul, in this meal.

We have heard your love proclaimed,

now send us out to speak it to others.

We have seen your love poured out,

now send us out to show it in everything we do.

We have been fed by your love at your table,

now send us out to share it so the world may believe.

And let all things be done in the love you have shown. Amen.

Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

VU #468

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.

Commission and Benediction

Hold God's steadfast love before your eyes,

and walk in faithfulness as you go.

And may the God who made you,
the Christ who mends you,
and the Spirit who brings you life
bless and keep you ever more. Amen.

Choral Benediction “We Will Take What You Offer” MV #196

Postlude

*Please rise as you are able.