

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

April 27, 2025 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter



**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.*

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 the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation (*Placed during the Introit*)

**\*Introit**

Come All You People

MV #2

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, you who carry questions like sacred stones in your pocket. Come, you who long to see, to touch, to know.

**We come with our belief and our unbelief, our hopes and our hesitations.**

Come, you who have stood outside the circle, unsure if the joy of others could ever be yours.

## Call to Worship (Continued)

**We come as we are—uncertain, searching, and ready to be met.**

Peace be with you—not the peace of perfect answers, but the peace of Presence that honours the ache.

**We come, trusting that even our doubt is holy ground.**

Let us worship the God who meets us in locked rooms and broken places, who shows us wounds, not to shame us, but to heal.

**Let us worship Christ, risen and real, who welcomes us—questions and all.**

**\*Hymn**                      Jesus, Stand among Us                      VU #396

## Prayer of Approach

**Holy One, you come not with thunder or threat, but through quiet breath and open hands.**

**You enter our locked rooms—the rooms of fear, grief, and guarded hearts—and you speak peace.**

**We do not come today with perfect faith. We come with threadbare hope, with doubts that ache like old scars, with prayers that feel too heavy to name.**

**And still—you come.**

**In the beauty of gathered community, in the sacred stillness between words, in the tenderness of wounded hands, you come.**

**Meet us here. Not in spite of our doubts, but *through* them.**

**Not beyond our questions, but *within* them.**

## Prayer of Approach (Continued)

**And in this hour, may we touch something of your love—**

**risen, real, and always reaching for us. Amen.**

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

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 150**                      VU #874

**\*Hymn**                      like a child                      VU #366 vs 1 & 2

## All God's Children

**Hymn**                      like a child                      VU #366 vs 3

## Presentation of Our Gifts

## Invitation to Generosity

## \*Presentation of Offering

**\*Offertory**                      We Give Our Thanks                      MV #187 vs 1

## \*Offertory Prayer

**O God, receive these gifts—simple signs of our trust and longing. Breathe through them your peace, and send us, wounded and willing, to be the presence of Love in the world. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

## Prayer for Understanding

## Sacred Scripture

**Acts 5:27-32**

**John 20:19-31**

**Anthem**                      *"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

**Sermon**                      *The Holiness of Doubt*

## Reflective Music

### Responding to the Word

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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**Your steadfast love meets us, even behind locked doors.**

**\*Hymn** You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen VU #185

## Changing the Light

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction** Peace Be with You MV #215

## Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

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<b>Ministers</b>	All of us
<b><u>Clergy</u></b>	<b>Rev Greg Davis</b>
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### **Church Office**

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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.

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**Thank You** – Thanks are extended to Christine Belanger, for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

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### 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**A Congregational Meeting** – A reminder of the congregational meeting following the worship service today to select a Community of Faith Profile committee. This is our first step in the process of hiring a new minister.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event** – On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Praise Service from 2 – 4 pm here at the church. This event is in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church.

### **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.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, are:

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) *Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus.*

Psalm 30 (VU #757) *God turned my mourning into dancing.*

Revelations 5:11-14 *Worthy is the Lamb.*

John 21:1-19 *Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.*

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for April are Sobeys/Lawtons/Foodland - 5%. The next order date is Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Annual Take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper** will be on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. A generous serving of hot roast beef with all the trimmings and including a tasty dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20/ adult, \$7/youth (ages 6-12 yrs) and free for children 5 yrs. and younger. For tickets, order in advance by contacting Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669. **Note:** Tickets will be collected at diners' vehicles and suppers delivered back to vehicles in the church parking lot. We truly appreciate your support and wish you Bon appetite!

**Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed** – We are still looking for someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**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.

**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](mailto:office@cquc.ca) or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

**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.

**The Annual Meeting of the PEI Church Extension Board** will be held at 10 am on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Central Queens United Church. The representative from each charge is requested to attend and others are welcome. The meeting typically takes a maximum of one hour.

**Eastertide Gathering of The United Church of Canada PEI Cluster Group** this Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Central Queens United Church.

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Blake Crockett and Colleen MacPhee. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace** is this afternoon, Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 pm at St. Paul's church, downtown Charlottetown (Grafton @Church St). Admission: \$20 online at [IslandChoralSociety.ca](http://IslandChoralSociety.ca) or cash at the door.

**Gospel Concert** this evening, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at St John's Anglican Church. Admission is \$10. Performers include: Kella Glydon and Judy Lowe, Frank Whitby, Blue Streak and Allsion Coles and Ed MacLaren.

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