

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

August 3, 2025 – 10:30 am

Eighth Sunday 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 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

The night is far gone. The shadows may cling, but the light is breaking through.

We come as people of the morning, draped in hope, stepping boldly into the light.

Here in the ruins, we gather—not in despair, but in defiant hope. Not in fear, but in faithful longing.

Call to Worship (Continued)

For God is making all things new. And we are summoned to join in.

***Hymn** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

Prayer Of Approach

God of the morning hush and the rising light, you speak in silence, and your breath stirs the streets. You meet us where the ruins still smoulder, where hopes lie scattered like ash—and still, you whisper, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Rouse us from our drifting, our dullness, our forgetting. Dress us in dawn-colours—compassion, courage, truth, and mercy.

May your light settle in our bones like a song we cannot shake—melody of hope, rhythm of grace.

In the name of Christ, our awakening light.

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

Lord’s Prayer (*Sung*) VU #960

Responsive Reading Psalm 30 VU #757

***Hymn** I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161 vs 1 & 2

All God’s Children

Hymn I Have Called You by Your Name MV #161 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

*Presentation of Offering

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

*Offertory Prayer

Light-bearing God, bless these offerings—coins and bills, time and talent, hope and hurt. Use them like mortar between stones, shaping a new creation where justice dwells and every tear is dried. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Romans 13:11-14
Revelations 21:1-5

Anthem “*Walls That Divide*” *Choir*

Prayer

Sermon “*Dawn in the Ruins: Resisting the Night with New Light*”

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Let us gather the brokenness of this world and place it before the one who makes all things new.

For those who walk in literal darkness; the unhoused, the displaced, those in war zones. . .

Awaken us, O God of Dawn.

For those caught in inner night: the anxious, the grieving, the lonely, the overwhelmed....

Awaken us, O God of Dawn.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Continued)

For leaders and builders, decision-makers and dreamers, may they dress in justice and act with courage...

Awaken us, O God of Dawn.

For the church—your people in every place—may we be known by the light we bear, not by our buildings or our certainty.

Awake us, O God of Dawn.

For all who have died—those remembered in silence, and those forgotten by the world... May they rest in the light of your eternal presence.

Awaken us, O God of Dawn.

***Hymn** In Christ There Is No East or West VU #606

***Changing the Light**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** You Shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in loving memory Fred & Joan Stilwell. Lovingly remembered by Kim & Craig Weeks and families.

Sympathies are extended to Linda Shelvey and her family on the death of her mother, Jessie Thompson.

Thank You to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.
Congregation of Central Queens United Church

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg will be away from August 4th – September 6th. For any emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 10th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, August 10th, are:

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (VU #775); Psalm 33:12-22 (VU #760)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for August are Walmart - 3.5% and Indigo - 7%. The next order date is Sunday, August 17th.

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.

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

Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, **August 23rd**, from 8 am until 12 pm. **Please note the change of date** due to an unavoidable change. This church fundraiser features a large variety of articles including books, clothing, children's articles, jewelry, seasonal decor, houseware, hardware, preserves, etc. Treasures at reasonable prices for everyone to discover. Come early for best selection. Anyone who would like to donate items for the yard sale are welcome to until setup day, (**Thursday, August 21st**). Items can be dropped off during office hours.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to 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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Community News

Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies on Sunday, August 10th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

WALK THE WORLD PROUDLY

Walk the world proudly! Whoever you are,
You're a soul out of space sent to grace this earth-star,
A soul sent from heaven with power and worth
To recreate a bit of that heaven on earth.
Walk the world proudly—you're king/queen of your life!
Empowered to conquer contention and strife,
Forces within you of measureless scope –
Eternal forces of faith, love and hope.
Walk the world proudly—but walk with love, too,
For you have a mission entrusted to you
To lift those who stumble and those who would plod.
That they may walk proudly as children of God!

By Helen Lowrie Marshall (Adapted)