

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

February 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

5nd After Epiphany

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 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** "Born in Human Likeness"

MV #47 x3

Call to Worship

There is a good word for you if you are weary.

It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.

There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"

There is a good word that needs to be heard.

It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.

May we be blessed in this time of worship.

***Hymn** "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

VU #374

Prayer of Approach

God, gather us into your net. Interrupt our distractions with your grace. Unveil your abundance, and awaken us to new beginnings. Give us the courage to trust Christ's call to go deeper, even when it seems impossible. Reveal your presence in our trust, and rise within us. In Jesus' name.

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 138

VU# 860

***Hymn "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"**

MV #30

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

**Holy One, we come weary and empty,
our work feeling barren, and the night stretching long.
Yet you call us deeper, to trust your mercy even in our
emptiness. We release all to you—the burdens we carry and
the things beyond our control. Let your forgiveness wash over
us, steadfast and true. Lift us from our weariness to the
abundance you promise, and renew us in the grace of this**

Holy Communion. Fill us with your life, that we might carry your presence into the world. In the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Word of Grace “And When You Call for Me”

MV #96 x4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

At his wit’s end, Peter obeyed Christ’s call:

“Let down your nets and trust.”

The catch was abundant, a sign of God’s generosity.

Living generously means trusting God to multiply our efforts, bringing good beyond what we can imagine.

As we offer our gifts, may the same Spirit that stirred Jesus and surprised Peter awaken joy in us. Your offering will now be presented.

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

VU #55 v. 4

***Offertory Prayer**

God of bursting nets,

we thank you for blessings that rise at every turn.

Multiply these gifts, and our faith,

that your love may stretch wider still.

Form us deep in your heart,

**for your good and gracious work.
Amen.**

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

God of light and life,
we turn to Your Word for guidance.
Send Your Spirit to move among us,
as we hear Scripture's challenge and promise.
Help us follow Jesus, Your Living Word.
Amen.

Sacred Scripture

Luke 5:1–11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they

came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn "God, Help Us to Treasure"

MV #147

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Congregation greets one another with the words:

"Peace be with you."

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and our greatest joy,
to give you thanks and praise,
O God, Creator of the heavens and the earth.

In the beginning, you called us from the deep,
drawing us into your love and purpose.
Just as you called Simon, James, and John,
so you call us from our own toil and weariness,
inviting us into the abundance of your grace.
Even when we feel empty and unworthy,
you fill our nets with the richness of your love,
and bid us to follow, casting our lives for others.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he was betrayed,
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"This is my body, broken for you.
Take and eat in remembrance of me."

We remember.

In the same way, after supper,
Jesus took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
poured out for you. Drink this,
and remember me."

We remember.

As we break this bread and share this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, as we come to your table,
we come as those who have been called—
called from our empty nets,
called into the depths of your grace,
called to follow Jesus,
who leads us in paths of righteousness.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
and on us, your people.
Fill us with the boldness to trust,
as Peter did, when you call us to cast out once more.
Transform us, and send us,
so that, like those first disciples,
we may proclaim your Good News,
and invite others into the deep waters of your love.

Amen.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are now ready.

Thanks be to God.

(Communion is distributed)

Let us pray

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
at your table.**

**Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and send us into the world to be bearers of your light,
casting our nets wide with the love and grace we have received.
May we follow you with boldness,
knowing that you are with us, now and forever.
Amen.**

***Hymn “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

VU #232

Changing 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.

***Benediction**

May the blessing of the One who calls us from the deep,
who fills our nets with unexpected grace,
raise you up to follow boldly,
to trust boldly, to care boldly, to love boldly.
May God's abundance overflow in your life,
and may you, like Peter, be made new in awe and faith.
Go, and cast your nets wide with courage and love.
Amen and Amen!

***Choral Benediction** “I Am the Light of the World” VU #87 v. 1

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.