

*Hope – Crafting in a Fractured World*

Gathering for Worship

## CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 27, 2025 – 10:30 am

Seventh 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

Come, beloved of God—from the streets where fear walks boldly, from the silence that wounds as deeply as words. Come into the presence of the One whose love casts out fear.

**We come seeking God's healing, God's justice, God's mercy deep enough to remake the world.**

The Holy One does not stand apart from suffering—

## Call to Worship (Continued)

God kneels in the dust, binds the wounds, and dares to call enemies neighbours.

**Come, let us worship God, whose compassion is stronger than hatred, whose mercy moves through us still.**

**\*Hymn**                      O Lord My God                      VU #238

## Prayer Of Approach

**God of mercy and mystery, you meet us on every road—whether we come burdened or bold, doubtful or devoted.**

**You are the One who sees beyond every label, who calls us not by fear, but by name. You gather us into the circle of your compassion, wide as the sky, strong as the roots beneath our feet.**

**Draw near to us now and draw us near to you. Still our minds, open our hearts, and awaken our spirits to your holy presence.**

**In this time of worship, may your Word be alive, your love be known, and your justice take root in us once again.**

**Through Christ, our companion on the road, we pray. Amen.**

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

**Lord's Prayer (Sung)**                      VU #960

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 85                      VU #802

**\*Hymn**                      Tell Me the Stories of Jesus                      VU #357 vs 1 - 3

## All God's Children

**Hymn**                      Tell Me the Stories of Jesus                      VU #357 vs 4 & 5

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

### \*Presentation of Offering

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

### \*Offertory Prayer

**Generous and loving God, we bring these offerings as signs of our trust in you. May they become instruments of healing and hope—used for the building of your kingdom, where enemies become neighbours, and justice rolls down like water.**

**Make us faithful stewards of all you have given, and courageous followers of Christ, who walks with the wounded and calls us to do the same.**

**In your holy name we pray, Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Sacred Scripture

Luke 10:25-37  
1 John 4:16-21

**Anthem**                      “Loving Spirit”                      Choir

### Prayer

**Sermon** “Roots of Compassion: Love’s Answer to the Machinery of Hate”

### Reflective Music

## Responding to the Word

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Let us bring our prayers to God, who sees the wounds of the world and never turns away.

Gracious God, you are our refuge and strength in every age of trouble. We lift to you a world fractured by hatred and ask for the healing only you can bring.

**Lord, in your mercy—hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who live in fear—for neighbours targeted because of race, religion, gender, or identity. Protect them with your sheltering presence and awaken us to speak and act with holy courage.

**Lord, in your mercy—hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have been seduced by hatred, whose hearts have been twisted by lies. Break the power of hatred with the light of your truth. Call them into repentance and lead them toward Your mercy.

**Lord, in your mercy—hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work for peace—for interfaith leaders, community organizers, teachers, and all who embody your justice and love. Strengthen them, guide them, and renew their hope.

**Lord, in your mercy—hear our prayer.**

We remember those close to us—those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or struggling...

Hold them in Your tenderness, O God. May Your healing flow like a river.

**Lord, in your mercy—hear our prayer.**

God of fearless love, let your church rise with compassion that is bold, a witness that is clear, and a welcome that is wide. Through Christ our Lord we pray,  
**Amen.**

## \*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**

Office Hours

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9 am – 12 pm

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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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**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory Kathryn Bowman and John Bentham. Lovingly remembered by the Austin Bowman.

**Today's Bulletins** are also placed in loving memory of Leonard Ling Lovingly remembered by Melvin & Debbie Ling and family.

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

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## \*Hymn

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

VU #356

## 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.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, are:

Romans 13:8-14

Psalm 30 (VU #757)

Revelations 21:1-5

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

**Strawberry Social** after the worship service today, from 12 – 2 pm. Join us for a lunch of sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The congregations of Cavendish/Breadalbane and Winsloe United churches have been invited to join us. Freewill offering accepted.

**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** – The next order date is Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 July are: Cineplex - 5% and Old Navy/ Gap - 9%.

**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).

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 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 21<sup>st</sup>**). 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](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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at [office@cquc.ca](mailto: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'.

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### **Community News**

**Hillcrest Family & Friends Concert** – You are cordially invited to attend the annual Hillcrest Family & Friends concert (Hillcrest United Church, 50 Wood Islands Hill, Montague) on this Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm featuring a variety of musical guests from Hillcrest and beyond. Performed by the young and young-at-heart. Lively and calm music to sooth and excite you! Donations at the door and yummy treats afterwards! All are welcome. (Elevator and air conditioning available.) For more information, call/text Anne at 902-838-2681.

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

### **BE GLAD**

Be glad that your life has been full and complete,  
Be glad that you've tasted the bitter and sweet.  
Be glad that you've walked in sunshine and rain,  
Be glad that you've felt both pleasure and pain.  
Be glad that you've had such a full, happy life,  
Be glad for your joy as well as your strife.  
Be glad that you've walked with courage each day,  
Be glad you've had strength for each step of the way.  
Be glad for the comfort that you've found in prayer.  
Be glad for God's blessings, His love, and His care.

*By: Helen Steiner Rice*