

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
June 29, 2025 – 10:30 am**

Third 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.

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

O Canada

VU #524

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, let us enter the stillness where the Spirit breathes—beyond noise, beyond striving, into the deep heart of freedom.

We come as people longing for freedom—not a freedom of isolation, but of love that binds and heals.

On this Canada Day weekend, we give thanks for the land beneath our feet—its beauty, its abundance, its ancient wisdom.

We remember this land holds many stories—some filled with pride, others marked by pain. We gather in humility, ready to listen, ready to learn.

The Spirit meets us here—with gifts not of power, but of peace.

Let us walk in step with the Spirit: love, joy, patience, kindness—freed not for ourselves alone, but for the healing of one another, and of this land we share.

***Hymn**

Let Us Build a House

MV #1

Prayer of Approach

O Holy One, on this day when a nation reflects on its story,

we pause to remember the land beneath our celebrations:

**ancient, living, wounded, and wondrous. We give thanks for the beauty that stirs us—rock and river, field and forest,
and for the people whose roots run deep in this soil.**

**But you have not called us to shallow pride. You have called us to freedom—not to do whatever we please,
but to live in love, to serve with humility, to walk gently where others have walked before.**

Breathe your Spirit into us now. Quiet the noise within. Let joy rise where it has been buried. Let kindness take root in our bones.

Let freedom become the song of our lives—sung not just for ourselves, but for all who seek shelter, dignity, and hope.

**In your mystery,
in your mercy,
we begin again.**

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

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 VU #791

***Hymn** This is God's Wondrous World VU #296 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn This is God's Wondrous World VU #296 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory** You Nourish Us VU #545

***Offertory Prayer**

Spirit of Life, receive these gifts as seeds—small acts of faith, offered in freedom, planted in hope. May they bear fruit far beyond our knowing. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV)

Luke 9:51-62 (NRSV)

Anthem

Sermon *Freedom – Not Freedom From, but Freedom For*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Holy Spirit, you breathe freedom into every corner of our lives—free us from fear, free us from division, free us to love as Christ loves. We bring before you the needs of our world, our country, and our hearts. For all who suffer illness, those whose bodies are weary, minds are troubled, and spirits are heavy—may your healing presence bring comfort and hope.

Silence

Christ sets us free; let us live in that freedom.

For those struggling with loneliness, poverty, or injustice, especially here in our communities across Canada, may your Spirit give strength and courage to keep moving forward.

Silence

Christ sets us free; let us live in that freedom.

For those who hope beyond hope—for peace where there is conflict, for reconciliation where there is pain, for justice where there is oppression—may your kingdom come in power and tenderness.

Silence

Christ sets us free; let us live in that freedom.

For our land, Canada—its beauty, its people, it challenges—may we be people who walk gently on this soil, seeking truth, embracing diversity, and working for healing.

Silence

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Continued)

Christ sets us free; let us live in that freedom.

For ourselves, gathered here, that we might embody the fruits of your Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—so our lives witness to the freedom you have given us.

Silence

Christ sets us free; let us live in that freedom.

This is our prayer.

Amen

*Hymn O for a World VU #697

*Changing the Light

*Benediction

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction Peace Be with You MV #215

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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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 memory of George Roy Foster. Lovingly remembered by Debbie, Nathan, & Henry.

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

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 for an appointment.

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, July 6th, are:

2 Kings 5:1-14; Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66 Part One (*VU #784*)
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

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

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, July 6th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotion for June it is Home Hardware at 4%.

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.

Graduates – We will be recognizing all our graduates from high school, university and college (or any other secondary institute) next Sunday, July 6th.

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.

Yard Sale – Save the Date! The annual Yard Sale at Central Queens United Church will be on Saturday, August 2nd, from 8 am – 12 pm. Anyone who would like to donate items for the yard sale are welcome to until setup day, (Thursday, July 31st). Items can be dropped off during office hours.

Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed – We are still in need of 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.

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.

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'.

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.

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.

Community News

Strawberry and Ice Cream Social at Winsloe United Church on Wednesday, July 16th, from 4 – 6:30 pm. Also serving sandwiches. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$8/children 12 and under, and no charge for pre-school aged children. For tickets, call 902-368-1580 or 902-393-8811. No ticket sales at the door.

West River United Church is holding its annual Strawberry Social on Saturday, July 19th, 4 - 6:30 pm. This includes sandwiches and sweets, strawberries and ice cream. (Gluten free choices are available.) For tickets, please contact the church office at 902-566-4052.

