

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

March 16, 2025 – 10:30 am

Lent II



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**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

Bible Presentation (*Brought forward during the Introit*)

\*Introit Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79

The Candle of Peace

\*Hymn Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108 vs 1

\*Call to Worship

When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?

**A psalmist says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."**

When I am afraid, what can I count on?

**"The Lord is a fortress protecting my life."**

We gather in the light of God's protection.

**We come to pray, praise and sing.**

Let us worship God together!

\*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

VU #651

### **Prayer of Approach**

Gracious God, make us ready to welcome you. Let our eyes find you in the faces of those we meet. Let our ears hear your whisper in the world's soft murmur. Open our hearts, wide as the sky, to the wisdom you offer, and to the paths you lead us down. In these moments, may we come to know you, not as we have before, but in ways we have yet to imagine.

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 27

VU #754

**\*Hymn** One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639 vs 1, 2 & 3

### **All God's Children**

**Hymn** One More Step Along the World I Go VU #639 vs 4 & 5

### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Loving Protector, when the world stirs in chaos, we are startled, distracted by loud voices and the promises of easy answers. Forgive us, God, for straying from you, for letting our fears pull others away from the quiet light of your presence. Teach us to act not from fear, but from the stillness of faith, from the certainty of your nearness. Help us to slow our breath, to see you in the spaces within us and all around us. Amen.

### **Words of Grace**

**\*Sung Response** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah VU #958

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Invitation to Generosity**

### **\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory** In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU #544

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Dear God, take these humble offerings, our resources, our time, our very lives, and use them as you will. Bless them, turn them into something greater than we can imagine—something that touches the hearts of others, something that whispers of your love in quiet corners, something that moves like a river, flowing toward justice and grace. Multiply them, as you multiply the seeds of the earth, so they might grow, so they might reach, so they might heal. May our lives, offered in love, be a small part of the grand, beautiful work you are doing in this world. Amen.

### **Listening for the Word**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

### **Sacred Scripture**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Luke 13:31-35

### **Anthem**

**Sermon** *"The Way of the Mother Hen"*

### **Reflective Music**

### **Responding to the Word**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**\*Hymn** O Jesus, I Have Promised VU #120

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** May the God of Hope Go with Us VU #424

### **Postlude**

\* Please stand as you are able

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**Ministers** All of us  
**Clergy** **Rev Greg Davis**  
Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm  
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### **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Seder Meal & Communion)  
Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
Sunrise Service – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 am – Breakfast to follow at 6:30 am at the church  
Easter Service with Communion – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

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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.

### **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.

**Time of Fellowship** – Join us for coffee and/or other beverages before our Sunday morning worship service.

**Rosewood Service** this Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will assist Greg in leading the service.

### **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, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, are:

Isaiah 55:1-9 *Come, buy wine and milk without money!*

Psalm 63:1-8 (VU #781) *I long for you, O God.*

I Corinthians 10:1-13 *God will not let you be tested beyond your strength.*

Luke 13:1-9 *The parable of the barren fig tree.*

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

**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 FundScrip March promotions are Swiss Chalet/ Montana's - 7% and Walmart - 3.5%. The next order date is Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**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.

**Bowling – Save the Date!!** – On Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 4 pm we are planning a bowling afternoon at North Rustico Lions Club Bowling Alley, 17 Timber Ln. Please RSVP by calling Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 or the church office at 902-964-2221. This event is being hosted in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church.

**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.

**Camp Abegweit Annual Meeting** will be held on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at Trinity United Church in Summerside. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in the church auditorium. All congregations are asked to send a representative to gather information. Two (2) new board members are needed, or more specifically, someone willing to help,

**Camp Abegweit Annual Meeting (Continued)** without being a Board member, who has a flair for grant writing. There is money out there to apply for but no one on the Board has the skill set to do this. If you have an interest and would like more information, contact Sharon Howatt at [vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca) or 902-432-9193.

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guest Tip-Er-Back. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Golden Oldies Ceilidh** on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm at Spring Park United Church featuring Jimmy the Janitor, Phase III (Jerry Hickey, Blaine Murphy, Keila Glydon), Dave Altass, Joan Reeves and Judy McGregor (known as Ding and Dong), Serge Bernard, and Janet McGarry. Tickets are \$15.00/person. Pick them up at the church office or at the door the evening of the event.

**Estate Fundraising Sale Indoors at Trinity United Church** on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am -3 pm and Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am -2 pm. Vintage China, Crystal and antiques, large selection of old collectibles, Corning Ware, quality housewares, many items still in original packaging, large collection of new TY bears and many wonderful gadgets. Something for everyone. Proceeds from the sale go to the Trinity United Church.

**Former 'Blue Crystals' Concert** - Park Royal United Church presents a special concert on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, featuring members of the former Blue Crystals—David Altass, Gary Cudmore, Ian Hunter, Paul Chandler, and more—performing classic hits from the 1960s and 1970s across contemporary, country, and rock genres. The event also features We3, a local trio known for their vocal harmonies. Enjoy a fudge sale at intermission (cash only). Tickets are \$15 for adults, free for children, and available online via Eventbrite, at the Church Office, e-transfer or at the door (cash only), **available now**. Proceeds support Park Royal United Church programs. For details, call (902) 894-9656.