

Central Queens Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

Oct 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Wide Communion

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 Presentation

***Introit** "Come all You People"

MV #2

Call to Worship

From the quiet corners of our kitchens
to the crowded tables of packed cities,
from sanctuary pews to homes across the globe —
God calls us to gather.

**We come as one Body —
diverse in language, tradition, and story —
but united by Christ.**

We come with mustard seeds —
some strong, some struggling,
all still growing.

**We come to do the faith we already have —
to share the bread,
to drink the cup,
to trust God's grace.**

This is the table of Jesus —
and the world is invited.
Let us worship the God
who welcomes us all.

***Hymn “We Gather Here”**

VU #469

Prayer of Approach

**God of every land and language,
we come to your table from many paths.
Some of us arrive with joy.
Some with grief.
Some with doubts that weigh heavy.**

**But you meet us not in perfection —
you meet us in the mustard seed.
You meet us in the act of coming.
You meet us in the bread and cup,
and in the hearts of your people
spread across this spinning globe.**

**As we worship today,
make us mindful that we are part of something larger —
not just this congregation,

not just this tradition —
but your Body, your table, your love —
everywhere.**

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 137

VU # 858

***Hymn** "Small Things Count"

VU #361

(Children retire to Sunday School, and return for Communion)

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Today, as we gather at a global table,
we're reminded that the Church is bigger than our building,
and love is wider than our neighbourhood.

Your giving today joins a world of giving —
that feeds, heals, teaches, shelters, forgives, and welcomes.

Whether your offering is a coin, a prayer,
or your presence —
let it be a mustard seed.

And trust that God will do the growing

***Presentation of Offering** *(and Communion Bread and Juice)*

*** Offertory** “Gratitude and Humble Trust”

VU #544

***Offertory Prayer**

God of every nation,
bless what we bring.
May our offerings — small or large —
become hope where there is hunger,
healing where there is pain,
peace where there is division.

Use us —
not because we are many,
but because your Spirit is powerful
in even the smallest faithful acts. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

God who speaks across continents and centuries,
as we hear these words —
from prophets in exile,
disciples on dusty roads,

and apostles in chains —
let your Spirit move.

Let scripture not just be read,
but felt.

Let it not just be heard,
but lived.

Give us insight and courage —
to *do* the faith
we already have.
Amen.

Sacred Scripture

Luke 17:5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’?

8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’?

9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

Anthem

Prayer

Sermon Just 'do' the Faith!

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

This is the table —
not of the church,
not of a doctrine,
not of a nation —
but of Jesus, who is the Christ.

It is made ready for those who trust a little,
and those who would like to trust more.

For those who've shown up every Sunday for years,
and those who barely made it here this morning.

It is for all who hunger,
and all who thirst —
for belonging, for peace,
for grace you can taste and touch.

**We come — not because we understand,
but because we are invited.**

**We come — not because we are strong,
but because we need strength.**

**We come — with mustard-seed faith,
and open hearts.**

Hymn “Bread of Life, Feed my Soul”

MV #194

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery,

You created the earth and called it good.

You formed us in your image —

and gave us breath,

community, and freedom.

When we wandered from your ways,

you did not abandon us.

Through prophets and poets,

midwives and teachers,

you spoke love and justice

into the human story.

And when the time was right,
you came to us in Jesus —
Love made flesh,
mustard-seed faith embodied.

He lived with the poor and the forgotten.
He welcomed the outcast and shared meals with sinners.
He showed us the way of mercy —
and invited us not to believe perfectly,
but to follow faithfully.

And so, with all the saints before us,
and all the Church beside us —
in every language and land —
we join in the ancient song:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) *sung*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

On the night before he gave himself up,
Jesus took bread —
common, simple bread —
and after blessing it,

he broke it
and gave it to his friends, saying:

“Take, eat.
This is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

And after supper, he took the cup,
and gave thanks,
and said:

“This cup is the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sin.
Whenever you drink it,
remember me.”

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Come, Holy Spirit —
come to this table,
and to tables around the world today.

Bless this bread and this cup,
and all who share in them.

Make us one Body —
global and local,
scattered and gathered,
diverse and deeply connected in you.

Plant faith in us —
not perfect,
but real.

Faith that forgives.
Faith that feeds.
Faith that shows up.
Faith that acts.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
who lived mustard-seed trust. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

This is the bread of life —
broken for the world.
Even the smallest piece is enough.

This is the cup of blessing —
poured out in love.
Even a sip connects us
to Christ and one another.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

“The bread of life.” / “The cup of blessing.”

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
we thank you
for this meal that joins heaven and earth,
past and future,
this table and every table
where your love is shared.

May what we have received here
nourish us for the journey —
to do the faith,
to live your justice,
and to walk humbly with you,
in the company of all your people
around the world.
Through Christ,
Amen.

***Hymn** “One Bread, One Body”

VU #467

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.

***Blessing**

Go out now — knowing you have been fed, loved, and connected.
You are part of something global, ancient, and alive.
Take your mustard seed,
and *do* the faith —
in your place, in your way,
with God’s Spirit leading. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** “We Will Take What You Offer”

MV #196

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.