

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

April 19, 2026 – 10:30 am

Third Sunday of Easter



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

Rise Up, Rise Up

MV #130

*Call to Worship

We gather from roads that have turned unexpectedly, from places where the way forward is not clear.

We come, just as we are.

We bring questions, fragments, and unfinished stories.

We come, just as we are.

Something has met us along the way... in conversation, in silence, in moments we cannot explain.

We come, just as we are.

Come, not to arrive, but to be present.

We come, just as we are.

***Hymn** Called by Earth and Sky MV #135

Prayer of Approach

God of the open road, you meet us in places we did not expect to find you, in the stranger beside us, in the quiet turning of the heart, in the breaking of what we thought was whole.

Stay with us when the path bends, when what we trusted no longer holds, when we feel unsteady in our own lives.

Do not rush us past what we do not understand. Instead, dwell with us there, in the questions, in the silence, in the slow unfolding of new life.

Open us, not to easy answers, but to deeper awareness, to a presence that walks with us, even when we do not recognize it.

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer . . . (on the screen)

Responsive Reading – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 VU #836

***Hymn** I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48 vs 1 & 2

All God’s Children

Hymn I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48 vs 1 & 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

Offertory Prayer

Receive these gifts, O God, not as something finished or complete, but as part of a life still unfolding. Take what we offer, our resources, our intentions, our willingness, and shape them in ways we cannot foresee. Let them become signs of care in a fractured world and let them draw us more deeply into lives of generosity and compassion. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 *Three thousand new followers of the Way.*
Luke 24:13-35 *Jesus’ appearance on the road to Emmaus.*

Anthem

Sermon “*When the Road does not Lead Where We Thought*”

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

For all who find themselves on uncertain paths, walking through change, loss, or transition,

Walk beside them.

For those who feel disoriented by the world around them, by conflict, by injustice, by the breaking of what once seemed secure...

Hold them in your presence.

For those who no longer recognize the faith they once held, who are searching for meaning in new and unfamiliar ways,

Meet them in the searching.

For those who have been overlooked or unheard, whose stories remain unseen,

Open our eyes and our hearts.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Continued)

For communities learning to live differently, to respond to what is changing, to imagine new ways of being together,

Guide them with wisdom and courage.

For ourselves, when we feel unsettled, unsure, or overwhelmed...

Stay with us on the journey.

We hold now, in silence, the people and places on our hearts...

(silence)

In all that we carry, spoken and unspoken...

Receive our prayer. Amen.

***Hymn** As We Walked Home at Close of Day VU #184

***Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers	All of us
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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 loving memory of Martha Vickerson. Lovingly remembered by Walter, Pat and Family

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is April 26th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, April 26th, are:

Acts 2:42:47 The believers share everything in common.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23 (VU #749) *God is my shepherd.*

1 Peter 2:19-25 *Christ’s example in suffering.*

John 10:1-10 *Jesus the good shepherd and the gate.*

These are made available to you for reading during the upcoming week.

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.

Potluck – Join us after the worship service today for potluck and fellowship.

Administrative Assistant – Central Queens United Church is in need of a Administrative Assistant for our church office starting May 1st. This is a 6-hour position. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am – 12 noon. Interested candidates are asked to contact the church office at office@cquc.ca or at 902-964-2221.

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

June 20 – Spring Roast Beef Supper

July or August – Yard Sale - Date to be announced

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

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.

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.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for announcements for the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Please email your announcement(s) to office@cquc.ca.

Sunday School Helpers are Needed to assist in our Sunday School ministry. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

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.

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.

Puzzle/Book Lending Library – Amid all the wonderful books that have been donated to the library, Rev. Greg has left several books that would be useful in planning a reflection / short worship for a small group gathering. He has also left some books by his favourite theologians. For more casual reading, we have Clive Cussler, Nicholas Sparks and James Patterson plus dozens of other authors. Come and check out what may suit your reading tastes. Also be sure to check out the wide variety of puzzles available. All are in the main hall.

Over

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.

Camp Abby Updates

Fundraising Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 23rd, from 5 – 7 pm. More information to come.

Open Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 9th, starting at 9 am. Many hands make light work.

Annual Open House will be held on Sunday, June 28th, from 2-4 pm.

Community Events

Diocesan Environment Network today, April 19th, at 2 pm at St. Mary’s Anglican Church Hall, Summerside.