

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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 & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

***Introit** Let Us Praise Your Name (Taizé) x 4
 Let us praise your name,
 God, our Saviour, alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise and bless your name,
 God, our Saviour, praise and bless your name,
 Alleluia!

*Call to Worship

O Spirit of the first song, the origins of a lullaby, we come here today with our burdens in tow.

Would you grant us comfort, O Gentle Jesus? Our pain has no place to land, no cradle for our sorrows to rock in.

And say to us: 'Yes, I've got you now. There, there, dear child, there, there.'

There, there, to the rhythm of a heartbeat, like a grandmother consoling her kin. *There, there.*

***Call to Worship (continued)**

There, there, like the psalmist singing in satisfaction. It's alright now. We made it home. There, there.

There, there, shouts the activist out in the streets. *That's enough now, never again. There, there.*

For you are here, right here, ever with us—burden-sharer,
light-maker, right here.

And it is from this ancient hum that we worship you.

It is from this rest that we know you.

It is from such a place that we praise you, right here, again.

Amen.

***Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288

Prayer of Approach

O God of heaven and earth, who is glorified in the wisdom of children—the experts of presence and oneness. May we evoke your humble heart within us. May we wonder what it might mean to feel our exhaustion *and* your love at the exact same time. May we consider all you’ve tried to show, give, or say to us that we weren’t yet ready for. Prepare our souls to yoke with yours, to share in the Good News that revives every living thing. We ask this in your name and energy.

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

Responsive Reading

Psalm 45:10-17 *A Song for the Anointed Ruler* VU #769-770

***Hymn** “Jesus, Loves Me” VU 565

All God's Children

Children may retire to Sunday School

Call to Transformation and New Life

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Spirit of God, you are always among us, and yet at times we are too busy to notice. Not recognizing you in the stranger on the street or the stranger in me—who does not do the things I want, but rather the things I hate. Perhaps we thought our certainty would keep us safe or ignorance would keep us pain-free, but you show us the way of trust and awareness is what paves the path of peace. Forgive and help us, O God, by your power, grace, and connection. Amen.

Words of Grace

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

* Presentation of Offering “Your Work O God Needs Many Hands”
VU #537

*Offertory Prayer

What weighs us down doesn’t just disappear in the wind, but rather lightens because the load is shared. So, God of Our Yoke, may we prosper in solidarity. May what feels hard, be the “right” kind of hard—one that strengthens us in growth and connection. Let the cycle of suffering finally have its last day, and the Year of Jubilee begin with us. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation VU #331

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction When You Walk from Here VU #298

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. All are welcome.

Food Bank – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during church office hours in the wooden box at the church entrance.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs 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 pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Puzzle Exchange – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful activity.

Life and Work of Our Church

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.

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.