

Central Queens United Church

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(Stand as able *)

Prelude:

Welcome & Announcements:

Birthday's & Special Occasions: (Tune to Happy Birthday)

We celebrate you, in all that you do

We love you, God bless you.

Let us celebrate you.

Gathering Music:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

***Call to Worship:** (inspired by Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18)

One: We are called to follow in the Way of God.

All: The Holy One is generous, so we are to be generous.

The Almighty is kind and just, so we are to be kind and just.

The Lord loves all, so we are to love all.

One: Let us offer our praise to the God of Love

***Introit:** # 4 "All Who Are Thirsty"

Prayer of Approach: (Unison)

Creative and Creating God, your call to us challenges us to see the world as you see it, to love the others as you do, to listen to what has been said and to consider what is being said to us in your Word. It is a challenge to move out of our comfortable places, to be generous and hospitable, but we would seek to do it, with the help of your Spirit. Bless our worship and our lives with your loving kindness and strengthen us to follow in the way of Jesus. In your presence and within this congregation we pray, Our Father ... Amen.

Hymn: # VU 672 "Take Time to be Holy"

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119 VU 839 Part Three

Time With Youth: (at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

Go, go, go, with God

Have peace with your heart

Praise and pray every day

Have peace within your heart

Presentation of Our Gifts To God: "How Long Has It Been"

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

***Offertory Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to follow you and to proclaim the gospel through word and deed. May these gifts and the service of our lives be tangible and worthy signs of our response. Amen.

***Hymn:** # VU 299 "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

Prayer of Confession & Renewal:

O God, lead us into the way of life. When we find it hard, help us to love our enemies, to resist evil whenever we can, to live in your ways of peace and justice. Remind us to seek Your wisdom and guidance and not the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of the world leads us to seek fame, wealth, and our own success. Your wisdom calls us away from the path of the world and into the path of righteousness, where we seek the well-being of others, remembering to love our neighbor as You have first loved us. Guide us, and keep us close, and help us to seek the strength and love of others on the journey. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

The New Creed: (Sung)

Special Music: "You Raise Me Up"

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

Old Testament Reading:

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

New Testament Reading:

Matthew 5: 38-48

Sermon:

-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

Anthem: "Peace In The Valley"

Pastoral Prayers:

***Hymn:** # VU 331 "The Church's One Foundation"

Commissioning & Benediction:

Choral Benediction: "God Grant Us Grace"

God grant us grace,

And peace to share

Faith, joy, and mercy good.

Sent from this place,

Renewed to share; With all God's neighbourhood.

-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -

- The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev. Joy Noble for leading our worship service this morning.

- If you are visiting with us today we welcome you and encourage you to sign our guest book located in the foyer of the building.

- **Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule:** Tuesday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30a.m..

- Anyone who would like to donate yarn to the Prayer Shawl Group of Central Queens United Church it would be greatly appreciated. The Prayer Shawl Group makes shawls to give to folks in retirement homes, hospital and new mothers etc..

- Please Note that there is a large wooden box in the foyer where you may place your items for the **FOOD BANK**. The box will be there year round. We ask that you remember the poor in your prayers and donate to the food bank as you are able.

- **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2017:** United Church Sunday bulletin covers are a great addition to our worship services, providing excellent photos, liturgy, and reflections by United Church people. Congregation members are invited to sponsor a week of bulletins to honour a special day/event or to offer a memorial for a deceased loved one and to help cover the costs of bulletins for our church. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

- **Central Queens United Church Cookbook** - Anyone who would like to buy one or more of our new cookbooks, please call Karla at 964-2221 or 393-9071. These cookbooks would make a great wedding gift, bridal shower gift, birthday gift or even a gift to save for your children when they venture out into the world on their own.

- We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons. Next week Lectionary Readings are: February 26th – *Transfiguration Sunday* -- Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 (Voices United 725) or Psalm 99 (Voices United 819); 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

- In event of **Inclement Weather** an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 a.m. and it will also be posted on our web-site.

- **FUND SCRIP** – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards for those interested with a variety of cards on hand or for those who would like to learn more about the program. Each month there are promotions available. February promotions are Swiss Chalet/Montana cards with a 5 % rebate up from 3 % and Esso cards with a 3 % rebate up from 2 %.

- **February 22nd** – Wednesday – 8:30 p.m. – **Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **February 26th** -- Sunday – 10 a.m. – **Sunday – Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.

- **March 3rd** – Friday – 7 p.m. -- **World's Day of Prayer** to be held at Glasgow Road Presbyterian Church to be on the Philippians.

- **March 11th** -- Saturday – 9:30 a.m. -- The next meeting of **The Minister's Book Club** will be at Andrew's Lodge in West Royalty. Please select a title of your own choice from CBC Canada Reads shortlist for 2017 and share your selection at this meeting. Contact Liz Spangler, 964 2295 for more information. All are welcome.

- **March 14th** -- Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – **Joint UCW** to be held at Central Queens United Church. Program: Joan George Bernard; Worship: Central Group.

- **~March 23rd** Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – **Presbytery Meeting** at Central Queens United Church.

-COMMUNITY EVENTS-

- **February 19th** – Sunday – 7 p.m. -- **Ceilidh** is planned for Kelly's Community Centre. For a list of guest entertainers see the Guardian's, "Don't Miss This", Friday, February 17th.

- **February 21st** -- Tuesday – 6 p.m. -- **Camp Abby's Annual Meeting** will be held at Trinity United Church in Summerside. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you think you might attend, please notify a board member or you can send an email to the board chair, Garth Cousins at garthcousins@hotmail.com or call him at **902-436-0458**.

- **Feb. 23rd** – Thursday -- Come share in the fellowship of delicious **Seniors' Dinners** at South Shore United Church (#85, Rte. 10 in Tryon) at 12 noon on Thursday, Feb. 23. Suggested donation is \$6, and all are welcome. Please contact Ruth at 658-2147 to reserve.
- **February 28th** – Tuesday -- 8:00 p.m. – The Hunter River Lions Club is hosting guest speaker, Melanie Taylor, who is a representative from “Children’s Wish Foundation.” This foundation is involved with children with life threatening illnesses. All are welcome. For more information, contact Wilfred @ **902-964-2409**
- **April 1st** – Saturday – 7:30 p.m. -- **Variety Concert & Silent Auction** at South Shore United Church, 85 Rte. 10, Tryon. Doors open at 6:30pm for viewing & bidding. Desserts and tea/coffee to follow. Tickets can be purchased from Ruth Walsh 658-2147, Arlene Sorensen 658-2009, or the church office 658-2863. \$12 Adults, \$6 children 12 & under
- **June 16th** – Friday -- 6 p.m. – midnight -- **Cancer Changes Everything. So Can You.** Join your family, friends and neighbors at Confederation Landing Park on Friday, June 16 from 6pm to midnight for the 2017 Queens County Relay For Life. Whether you are cheering on survivors, walking the track, passing the baton to your teammate or joining in exciting trackside activities, Relay For Life is more than just a cancer walk - it's a journey. Every dollar raised by Relay for Life participants makes a difference. Money raised funds Canada’s most promising cancer research to save more lives, ensures no one has to face cancer alone and helps stop cancer before it starts. For more information go to **www.cancer.ca** and click “get involved” or call Gail at **902-566-4007**.