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**Central Queen's Mission Statement:** Central Queen's 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 guided by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.

(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:** # 32 "In the Garden"

# 47 "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

### **\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: In a world that is sometimes scary and confusing,

**People: We come here to find sanctuary.**

Leader: In a world that is sometimes ahead of itself,

**People: We come here to encounter what is holy.**

Leader: In a society which abuses power so readily,

**People: We come here to weave ourselves into the circle of God's all-encompassing love. Amen.**

### **\*Introit: # 4 "All Who are Thirsty"**

### **Prayer of Approach:**

Tender and sustaining God, you come to us like a gentle summer rain and like the blazing heat of the sun. We gather this day needing the quenching comfort of your love. Warm us to the opportunities for faith-filled living and loving and guide us in the way of hope. Help us grow as followers of the redeeming Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

**\*Hymn: # 213 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"**

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 85 VU Page 802**

### **Time With Youth:**

(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)

### **Presentation of Our Gifts To God:**

(Choir Sings as Gifts are Received)

### **\*Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, like the friend who rises at midnight, you open the door when we knock and fill our hands with good gifts. Receive our expressions of love with gratitude and joy that they may be transformed to miracles of love.

**\*Hymn: # 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"**

### **Prayer of Confession & Renewal:**

We confess to you, O God, that we have fallen short of your great plan for our lives. We have neglected to love even those we know best; we have forgotten to love those who need us most. We have withheld our resources from others in need, afraid that you will not provide for us as you promised. As we open ourselves to the refreshing, disturbing presence of your Spirit, hear the words we speak in silence, as we confess our personal sins to you. (*Silence*) Forgive us, O God. For the sake of your Son, Jesus, have mercy on us. Our dry lives cry out to you for moisture, for living water which never fails. Restore us to companionship and love with you, and with all you have made. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon:**

Leader: Christ, the light of the world, comes always to us as a gift.

**People: Our shadows are transformed by Christ's light.**

Leader: God's arms embrace us with unconditional love.

**People: In that embrace we become new people.**

Leader: The Spirit's guidance gives us direction.

**People: That we might journey together as forgiven people. Thanks be to God!**

### **The New Creed: (Sung)**

-LISTENING TO THE WORD-

**Special Music:** Debbie Hood

**Old Testament Reading:** Hosea 1: 2 - 10

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 11: 1 - 13

**Sermon:**

## -RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-

**Special Music:** Debbie Hood

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer:**

**\*Hymn:** # 333 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

**Commissioning & Benediction:**

Leader: In joyful thanks for God's loving compassion, let us leave this place committed to serve the Lord.

**People:** We go with joy in our hearts knowing that God speaks to us and listens to our prayers.

Leader: And may the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior and friend and the Holy Spirit our teacher and guide be with you all this day and forever more. Amen.

**Choral Benediction:** "God Grant Us Grace" (Tune to Amazing 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 neighborhood.

## -THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH-

- Central Queens United Church would like to thank Debbie Hood for sharing her beautiful gift of music 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.
- **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.
- **You can Sponsor Sunday Bulletin Covers for 2016:** 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. 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.

- 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..
- Next week (July 31, 2016) Lectionary Readings are: Hosea 11: 1 – 11; Colossians 3: 1 – 11; Luke 12: 13 - 21. We invite you to take some quiet time to prepare for worship by reading these lessons.
- This is our second year for Our Community Church Calendar, we are looking for a picture for the 2017 calendar. Anyone wishing to have their family names added to the calendar or update their family list. Please contact Debbie Ling at [902-964-2882](tel:902-964-2882) or Church office by the end of August.
- **Summer Special Music for Central Queens United Church:**  
July 24<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Hood  
July 31<sup>st</sup> -- Party Mix  
August 7<sup>th</sup> – TBA  
August 14<sup>th</sup> – TBA  
August 21<sup>st</sup> – Central Queens Musical Friends  
August 28<sup>th</sup> – Julie Mills
- **~July 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – Sunday Morning Choir Practice** to be held at Central Queens United Church.
- **August 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – 12:30 -- "Social Gathering for the Abdulhey Family"** at St Paul's Anglican Church, Charlottetown. Our Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, including Central Queens United, will welcome the new Syrian family. In addition to our sponsorship group, a number of other Syrian families and individuals will be in attendance. Sumptuous choices of traditional Arabic food as well as strawberries and ice cream. Bring lawn chairs/blankets. Please set aside this particular afternoon to join in welcoming this new Canadian family. **Note:** The Abdulhey family of 2 adults and 9 children have been delayed until July 26 because of the current unrest in Turkey.

- August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday – Friday – 2016 Vacation Bible School. Everyone Welcome.

- August 13<sup>th</sup> -- Saturday – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Central Queens United Church Yard Sale to be held at our church. Drop off dates for donations are Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after church, Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7 p.m., and August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. All proceeds from the yard sale will go to our wonderful church fund. Thank you for your Generosity. Please no furniture or books. “One Women’s Junk is Another Woman’s Treasure”

- ~August 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday – 7 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Men.

**-COMMUNITY EVENTS-**

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday – 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. -- South Shore United Church (#85, Route #10 in Tryon) will be having a Bake Sale. Stop by to pick up bread, rolls, biscuits, cakes, squares, cookies, pies, jams/pickles and fresh vegetables. For further information, call Arlene at 658-2009.

- August 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday – 7:30 p.m. -- Join us at the Summerside Presbyterian Church for a concert paying tribute to “Lady singers of our Century”: Rita MacNeil, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline & Anne Murray. Featuring vocals by Colleen MacPhee, Jolee Patkai, Keila Glydon, Judy McGregor & Joan Reeves. Also featuring Larry Campbell and the backup band of Judy Lowe, Brian Know and Heartz Godkin.. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

- August 8-12<sup>th</sup> – Monday – Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The GO Project, to be held at Trinity Summerside: Come join us for an action-packed week, as children grades 2-7 explore together what peace and justice look like. Children will explore faith & service through unique service projects, such as park clean ups, exploring food issues through food collection, growing and sharing, environmental action projects and so much more. This program is presented as a day camp experience with trained camp staff, including fun camp experiences such as games, crafts, small groups, campfire, delicious food and a generally fun time. The cost is \$100 per child which includes lunches and snacks. You can register by calling the church office. We are also looking for senior youth or adults who might be willing to assist with the camp. Please call Trinity United Church Summerside 902-436-3155