

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.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth,

**All: for the Lord is our God, and we are God's people.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears and be attentive.

**All: That we might both hear and heed God's word to us today.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord let us open our eyes.

**All. That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.**

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts.

**All: That we might worship and live each day in response to God's will and purpose for each one of us and all of us together.**

**Introit: # 374 Vs. 1 "Come Find a Quiet Centre"**

**Prayer Of Approach: (Unison)**

God of old stories and new beginnings, open our lives at this very moment to the new that you want us to accomplish in and through us.

As You called so many who came before us to walk faithfully with You, speak our names today, call us to higher purposes, fill us with Your spirit that we may worthily praise You and magnify Your Holy name.

We ask this in the Spirit of our Living Lord who will help us fulfill

Your purpose for us. Amen

**Hymn: # 222 "Come Let Us Sing"**

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 105 (VU) 828-829 Parts 1 & 3)**

**Time With Youth:**

*(at conclusion children recess for Sunday School)*

**Go, Go, Go, with God**

**Have peace within your heart**

**Praise and pray every day**

**Have peace within your heart.**

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**\*Hymn: # 570 "Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands"**

**Prayer of Confession & Renewal:**

**Assurance Of Pardon:**

**Special Music: Kirk Neville**

**-LISTENING TO THE WORD-**

**First Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28**

**Sermon: "Holy Ground"**

**-RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS-**

**Special Music: Kirk Neville**

**Presentation of Our Gifts To God:**

(Choir sings as gifts are received)

**\* Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

Holy God, Your forgiveness lifts a weight from our shoulders, Your presence saves us from our loneliness that isolates us from others and from You. With these offerings we pledge our vows of service in this church, community and world. In the spirit of Jesus our Messiah we pray.

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer:**

**Hymn: # 563 "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

**Commissioning & Benediction: (Unison)**

Leader: Go into the living of your lives to dance, laugh, sing and create newness of life.

**All: We go with the assurance of Your blessing, O God.**

Leader: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

**All: We go with the assurance of Your amazing Grace.**

Leader: Go into the living of your days: believe, hope, struggle and remember we are never alone.

**All. we go with the assurance of Your love ever present God.**

**Choral Benediction: # 156 (MV) "Dance With The Spirit"**

**Postlude:**

**-LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH -**

• Central Queens United Church would like to thank Rev. Gary Clark for leading our service this morning.

We would also like to thank Kirk Neville for his 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.

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- Karla's (Church Secretary) Work Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m..
- 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..
- 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 cookbooks, please call Karla 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: September 10 – *Fourteenth after Pentecost*; Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 (Voices United 872-873); Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- FUND SCRIP – Janet will be set up before church each Sunday selling gift cards with a variety of cards on hand. Anyone who would like to learn more about the program she will be happy to answer your questions. Sears cards are not available at this time. Anyone who wish to pay by e-transfer – we are now set up to accept e-transfer.
- We are looking for Volunteers to sign up for our After Church Luncheon and Tea. Anyone who can help out please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary. Thank You.

- Gena Yeo is going on a Work and Witness Mission Trip to Rwanda in November. Gena pays her own way, but she is required to fund raise for materials needed for the project the group will work on while there. If you would like to help her, help them by giving a Love Offering please put your donation into the Rwanda Box. Any donation over \$10 is tax deductible, so please include your full name and complete address. Thank you
- Gena Yeo has been asked to provide sewing supplies for her upcoming trip to Rwanda to help young adults to learn to provide for themselves and their families. If you would like to donate NEW thread or needles or anything in a sewing kit. Please bring to Central Queens United Church by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Gena
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. -- Central UCW Meeting to be held at Nancy Rackham
- September 10<sup>th</sup> -- Special Music – Helena Stead, Nancy Rackham, and Janet Stead.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday School Registration and Classes for the 2017-2018 year will start next Sunday, September 10th. For more information on Sunday School, please contact Debbie Smith at [\(902\) 940-2496](tel:9029402496) or Grace McCourt at [\(902\) 963-3306](tel:9029633306). We will also have the annual corn boil immediately following the church service.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday – 7:30 p.m. – Queens UCW Meeting to be held at Lois Lajeunesse. Worship: Joan Dorothy; Program: Velda Bertram; Word: Reap
- September 14, 15 & 16 – Dinner Theatre Team Work Schedule  
Team 3 – Set up and Clean Up;  
Team 4 - Thursday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Team 1 - Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>  
Team 2 - Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>
- September 21<sup>st</sup> -- Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Rosewood Service to be led by the United Church Women (Queens Group).
- September 21<sup>st</sup> -- Thursday – 7:45 p.m. – Official Board Meeting.

**-COMMUNITY EVENTS-**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> -- Saturday – 9 a.m. – noon -- From One Island to Another – Women Supporting Women!** The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, 391 Nelson Street, Crapaud (at St. John's Anglican Church) will hold a special sale of fabric, quilting panels & cottons, notions and knitting and craft supplies on Saturday, September 9 from 9 am – Noon in the Church Hall. Proceeds from this crafting sale will go to support Sr. Helen Warman and her ministry to women in Papua New Guinea. Through classes organized by Sr. Helen women receive training in drafting patterns, sewing and tailoring. These newfound skills provide employment and much needed funds to assist their families. The ACWs of PEI were founding donors in providing funds to purchase sewing machines and fabric for this special outreach ministry. The Church Mouse Thrift Shop will accept donations of fabric, thread, notions, patterns, yarn and other craft during the shops hours of operation (Fridays & Saturdays 9 am – Noon) OR phone [902-658-3162](tel:902-658-3162) to arrange a drop off time. Together women are helping women, one island to another!

- There is need more people to help with driving our families, please. We have lost a few people (including me as I have broken my upper arm and will not be driving for a while). Suliman has a job at Brookfield Gardens that will likely continue into the early winter after school and we will need help with that, as well as the usual grocery shopping for both families. No regular commitment is necessary - any help would be appreciated. Please respond to heather diamond, who is now the transportation coordinator. [hdiamond13@yahoo.com](mailto:hdiamond13@yahoo.com) = also in the cc field above. Thanks very much