

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

July 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Seventh after Pentecost

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.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" VU #382

Call to Worship

In the parks, in the streets, in the busyness of daily living, we encounter Christ and our lives are changed.

At home, with family and friends, or on our own we encounter Christ and our lives are changed.

In the sound of the children's laughter or in the words of our youth we encounter Christ and our lives are changed.

In unexpected places, in the words of the hymns, in times of prayer, we encounter Christ and our lives are changed.

Bring your changed lives. Come into this place, and let us worship God.

Pastoral Prayer

O God, in a world that seems to have gone crazy and lost its way, we come to you this morning, not just seeking answers, but seeking strength and courage for the days ahead. We pray for courage to be the people who you have called us to be – people who seek justice and peace through your love for all of your people. We struggle with questions that seem to have no answers and problems that have insurmountable solutions. We seem to be a deeply divided people. But as we look and listen to people around the world, so many seem divided and at war with one another either through words or worse, through guns and killing. Surely we humans must test your patience, but we know that your love is all encompassing, never ending, always forgiving. This is our hope – that you love us unconditionally. For we know and struggle with our imperfections and our shortcomings, know all the while that in the end it is you who loves us the most and is always there waiting for us. You are our hope for the world and it is in this hope that we live and move and have our being.

Responding to the Word

Hymn “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” VU #577

Blessing

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Choral Benediction “Dance with the Spirit” MV #156

Postlude