

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

**October 11, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Eighteenth after Pentecost**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**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**

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit -  
welcome! All are welcome here. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Once there was a person who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him. "Who are you?" and he said, "I am the light."

## Quiet Preparation for Worship

### Bible Presentation

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Let us remember the goodness of God.

**We remember, with thankful hearts.**

God has given us the sun, the moon,  
the earth and all that is in it.

**We remember, with thankful hearts.**

God has given us children, youth, adults,  
and seniors of faith and courage.

**We remember, with thankful hearts.**

God delivered us from slavery in Egypt  
and brought us to the promised land.

**We remember, with thankful hearts.**

God gave us new hope and new life in Christ.

**We remember, with thankful hearts.**

With all creation, let us come and worship God.

### Hymn

“Sing a Happy Hallelujah”

VU #224

### Prayer of Approach

**We thank you, gracious God,  
for all that you have given us:  
the land and its resources,  
freedom and its rights and responsibilities,  
the joy of sharing,  
the wonders of new life,**

**and the gift of this day.  
Guide us to be ever mindful of all you have done  
for us  
that we might never stop giving thanks  
for all things great and small.**

*We share in the ancient prayer Jesus prayed ...*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Psalm 65**

VU #782-783

**Hymn**

**"Teach Me, God to Wonder"**

VU # 299 vv. 1, 2

**All God's Children**

**Hymn**

**"Teach Me, God to Wonder"**

VU # 299 vv. 3, 4

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

## **Offertory Invitation**

Saint Paul writes, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work period". So, with joy let us share of the bounty God has given to us. We give as we are able; we give as we are called.

**Offertory**

"What Can I Do?"

MV #191

## **Presentation of Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Loving God, received these tokens of our thanks that we offer here to you, and use them for the good of your people. Receive us, also, as we rededicate ourselves to discipleship in gratitude for all that you have done for us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Reading**

#### **Deuteronomy 8:7-18**

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you

may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

### **Luke 17:11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return

and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Hymn**

“O Beautiful Gaia”

MV # 41

## **Blessing**

Go in peace, remembering God's goodness.

**We will remember.**

Remember God's healing presence.

**We will remember.**

Remember how God has provided for every need.

**We will remember.**

Remember that God will be with you, to sustain you and care for you this day and always.

**We will remember.**

Go now in the peace and the love Of God. **Amen.**

## **Extinguishing of the Candle**

I'm going to change the light so it is not just in one place any more. It can be in many places all at once. Watch.

## **Choral Benediction**

## **Postlude**