

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

October 4, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth 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

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

“Gather Us In”

MV #7 X2

Call to Worship

Creator God, we are here, together in hope!

With community and creation,

with neighbours near and far,

with those known and new,

with Christians across geography and across time,

together in hope!

Let us worship!

Hymn

“Praise with Joy the World's Creator”

VU #312

Prayer of Approach

Holy and gracious God,

let us be open to your presence among your people,

those gathered for worship,

and all of your people,

throughout your creation.

May we receive you fully

and respond to you wholeheartedly.

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 19

VU # 740-741

Hymn

“Come, Children, Join to Sing”

VU #345 vv. 1&2

All God's Children

Hymn

“Come, Children, Join to Sing”

VU #345 v. 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

We are so blessed through the gifts of all peoples and all creation. We pause now to offer our lives and hearts, with gratitude for the presence of God in the world. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

Offertory

“What Can I Do?”

MV #191

Presentation of Offering

Offertory Prayer

Everything that is, is yours, God.

You created it in love.

So we offer everything we have to you.

We offer it in love.

In our gathering, help us to touch Earth lightly.

In our sharing, help us to see the need of all creation.

**In our using, help us to be people of justice and hope
for all you have brought into being.**

Alleluia! Amen!

Listening for the Word

Sacred Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth...

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work...

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Anthem

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Responding to the Word

Hymn

"Be Thou my Vision"

VU #642

Blessing

May the blessings of God,
the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit
go with you into the world.

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