

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

**June 20, 2021**

**Father's Day**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Fourth 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.**

**The Community Gathers**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Once there was someone 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?" He replied, "I am the Light."

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit**

**“Be Still and Know”**

**MV #77 X3**

**\*Call to Worship**

It's awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

**When waters are rough,  
we hold each other tightly.**

**When the sea begins to swallow us,  
we hold each other tightly and call on God.**

But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

**We can splash and play in the shallow end  
and venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.**

**Delighting in refreshing currents of community  
and savouring each burst of laughter,  
let's invite others to join in the fun!**

**We gather in God's love to worship.**

**\*Hymn**

**“Come and Find the Quiet Centre”**

**VU #374**

**Prayer of Approach**

**Ever-living God, you are like the sea:  
powerful and endless,  
yet soothing and constant.**

**Let us feel your refreshing presence  
as we gather near your waters  
to wade in the possibilities of life  
that you offer us this day.**

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

### **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.**

### **Hymn**

### **All God's Children**

### **Hymn**

### **Listening for God's Word**

### **Sacred Word**

**1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49**

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

... And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

... Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against

this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.” David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul’s sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.” But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with

sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

### **Psalm 133**

VU # 856

### **Mark 4:35–41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And

they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

### **Responding to God's Word**

**Offertory Invitation**

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us.  
Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts  
so that we may create communities of graciousness and love.  
Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference  
that an individual contribution can make.  
Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Bighearted God,  
we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them  
to calm storms and create in our communities  
new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God in whom we live and move and have our being:  
as we consider the world around us in your presence today,

we are grateful to know you are near, and that your presence will not fail us, no matter the challenges we face.

We are aware of so many challenges—in our own lives, the lives of those we care about, and in the world around us. We wonder how you will reveal yourself, your mercy and your love, in response to so many different needs. Help us trust that you never give up on situations which we find overwhelming.

God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

In faithful silence, we lay before you the concerns on our hearts this day: We pray for those who have been in the headlines this week, for those situations which concern us deeply, and for all whose lives crying out to you for help in situations we can't even imagine:

God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are suffering from illness of any sort, coping with pain or with ongoing treatment, for those waiting for or recovering from surgery, for those who are bereaved or burdened by some significant loss, and those struggling with economic hardship in these uncertain times.

God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

