

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

June 27, 2021

Sunday School Closing

10:30 a.m.

Fifth 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

Gathering Music

"I Can feel you Near Me, God" MV #48

"This is the Day" MV #122

"Praise the Mother, Praise the Father, Too"

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

***Call to Worship**

O clap your hands, all you peoples, **(Clap Hands)**
Shout out to God with the voice of triumph!....
Sing praise to God, sing praises: sing praise to the Most High.
Clap your hands all you peoples. **(Clap Hands)**
Dance with God into worship and praise! (Psalm 47- Paraphrase)

***Hymn** "Over My Head"

Prayer of Approach

Bighearted God, we have come here to hang-out with you!
We have come to sing, clap and think about you.
Reminds us, you are always with us, like a best friend!
Be near to us we pray.

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.**

Psalm 100

VU #824

Reading

To You

This morning I was toasted by a two year old
Who raised her orange juice glass to mine and said, "to you!"
She brought the morning; she moved mountains and;
She brought flowers out of barren land and sunlight from
Darkness.
What a way to start the day --- affirmed and celebrated!

Remember to celebrate those across the breakfast table.
When did you last tell them they are precious?
You told them to take out the trash, to make their beds,
But did you tell them they are cherished?
You told them they were wrong; you told them to hurry up;
We celebrate events or days or heroes,
But take for granted the joy of the familiar.
So here's to you, familiar faces at my breakfast table!
Here's to smiles, sleepy kisses and theological questions at dawn!
Here's to unbrushed teeth, unmade beds and un-picked up
clothes!

Here's to dirty tennis shoes with one blue sock and one brown!
Here's to last night's scores and news total before I read it!

Here's to my cold cup of coffee, to the lunch forgotten!
Here's to the little girl who wants ice cream with her eggs!
Here's to the daddy who thinks that's funny!
Here's to the one who loves us and lets us know!
I cherish you who breakfast with me.
You are sun in my rain -- sustenance and star.

O Lord, free us to thank God for each other!
Free us to click orange juice glasses clear across your Kingdom
In every family and in the larger family of the gathered church.
Here's to you, Saints who remembered to love!
Here's to those who heal, teach, listen, comfort;
who feed the hungry, close the naked, give a cold cup of water,
weep with those who weep Joyce with those who rejoice,
and stand by to pick us up and brush us off!
here's to the peacemakers and the prophets ---
their justice, their mercy, their humility,
their strength that does not falter!
Here's to those who have been freed to free us,
to their song that never ends,
to the Saints to keep on dancing!
Here's to you! *Reaching For Rainbows --- by Ann Weems*

Hymn

All God's Children Peter and Greg "gab" about God stuff!

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Word

Mark 10:13-16

Once when some people were bringing their children to Jesus to bless them, the disciples shooed them away, telling them not to bother him.

But when Jesus saw what was happening he was very much displeased with his disciples and said to them, "Let the children come to me, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they. Don't send them away! I tell you as seriously as I know how that anyone who refuses to come to God as a little child will never be allowed into his Kingdom."

Then he took the children into his arms and placed his hands on their heads and he blessed them.

Anthem

A Story - Bernie Dykerman

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

"We Give Our Thanks"

MV #187

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

**These gifts are proof that we love your world and we love you!
We pray this money makes it way to being good news to lots
and lots of people. Because what we give makes people happy,
we give gladly!**

Sunday School Recognition

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** “Your Love is Amazing” MV #26
 “Like A Rock” MV #92

***Blessing**

Go now to parade Good News of Love throughout God's world.

Choral Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise as you are able.