

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
March 14, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

\*Introit                      Come All You People                      MV #2 x2

\*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Most Holy, for God is good;  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God gathers God's people from the east and from the west, from  
the north and from the south.

**Let us thank God for such all-embracing love;**

Let us praise God for God's wonderful works to humankind.  
**We will worship God with thanksgiving and tell of God's deeds  
with songs of joy.**

\*Hymn                      Open My Eyes, That I May See                      VU #371

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God,  
great and wonderful are your works!  
Your steadfast love is everlasting.  
You have come among us in Christ Jesus to save us.  
Where there is darkness, you bring light.  
Where there is sadness, you speak words of hope.  
Where there is despair, you bring new possibilities.  
You bring healing for the sick, and forgiveness for the sinner.  
You bring justice for the oppressed, speaking truth instead of  
lies. Stir us with your Spirit, O God, in this time of worship.  
Awaken our joy and reverence as we offer you our songs, our  
silence, our prayers and praises, for you are our God,  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.

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

Psalm 107:1-9, 17-22 (Parts One & Two)                      VU #831-832

Hymn                      Jesus Bids Us Shine                      VU #585 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn                      Jesus Bids Us Shine                      VU #585 vs 3

Prayer of Confession

O God of Comfort and God of Challenge,  
we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did,  
full of complaints and dissatisfaction.  
Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in  
our day to day lives.

**Forgive us.**

**In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites,  
to consider the bigger picture  
of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.**

**Forgive us when we close our eyes  
for fear of what you might show us;**

Lift up loving and compassionate leaders  
to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world.

*Moment of Silence*

Kyrie

Assurance of God's Love

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

\*Presentation of Offering

\*Offertory Prayer

O Generous One, we give thanks to you  
for your steadfast love that endures forever.  
May these gifts be used to feed the hunger and satisfy the thirst  
of all those you love throughout your creation. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Readings

Numbers 21:4-9  
John 3:14-21

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn Draw the Circle Wide MV #145

\*Blessing

Choral Benediction Don't Be Afraid MV #90

Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

Clergy

Rev Greg Davis

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm

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**Warm Welcome to All** – We are glad you are here as a visitor, a seeker,  
someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshiper.

**Life and Work of Our Church**

**Greg's Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12  
pm. If anyone is in the hospital or would like a visit from Greg, please call  
him at 902-964-2291. If you wish to meet with Greg outside the  
scheduled hours, please call 902-964-2291 or email [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca)  
for an appointment.

**In-Church Services:** Registration is **required**. To registration, please call  
902-964-2221 or email [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca). Masks **are required**. If you are  
registering **after 12 pm Thursday**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-  
7674.

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – George Mason is one among several who collect their pop can pull tabs for charity. Once he has filled a bottle or box with these tabs, he delivers them to a member of the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The Daughters of the Nile sell them to a Halifax dealer, and the funds then go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for the children in the hospital. George would be happy to be the local contact for your can tab collections. Just bring them to him here at the church.

**Official Board Meeting** – The Official Board meeting will be held this Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the church.



**Bookworms United** - Our next meeting is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am (please note time change). We will be enjoying the presence of George Mason when we discuss his book, Birds of a Feather. There are a few copies available for reading. Please see Greg.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is now step up to accept E-Transfers. If you wish to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**FundScrip** –Next order date will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. You can reach Janet by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone (902-393-1527). Ordering will be every 2 weeks. Promotions for March are: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 7%, Children's Place - 9% and Stokes - 7%. E-transfers accepted.

**Central Queens Emmaus Walkers** – Come join us as we walk and chat every Thursday at 12 pm. Please check Facebook each week to see where we will be meeting. All are welcome.

**Food Bank** –Please remember to continue your support for the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week in the wooden box at the church entrance.

**Sunday Worship Cancellations** – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a sign up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

### Community News

**Central Queen's Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting** - The Central Queen's Funeral Co-op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the funeral home, 2538 Glasgow Road. Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Meeting to begin at 2:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. 902-964-2886. Storm date will be Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **New members welcome.**

**Seniors Health & Wellness Survey** - In 2018, the PEI government developed a Seniors' Health and Wellness Action Plan for Islanders. This was to try and gain a better understanding of how seniors and those who support seniors find information on health and wellness services available across PEI.

A survey is being conducted with seniors and near seniors (anyone 55 and older), as well as those who support seniors (either informally – eg: family, friends, neighbours, or formally – eg: service providers). The senior's survey, targeted for adults over the age of 55, is available online and in paper format. To access the online version, go to <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSurvey> and follow the instructions. The survey is confidential and anonymous and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Those who complete it can submit their name for one of two draws for a @20 gift card to Sobeys. If seniors prefer to receive a paper copy of the survey, please call Crystal MacIntyre at 902-368-6527 or email [dmacintyre@ihis.org](mailto:dmacintyre@ihis.org). A paper version of the survey will be sent in the mail with two paid, self-addressed envelopes (one for survey and one for ballot for prize draw). The survey for those who support seniors in finding the information they need and navigating the systems they use is available online only at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/SeniorsActionPlanSupport>. It is confidential and anonymous and will take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

Any questions or concerns about this survey can be directed to David Webster, Senior's Health & Wellness Action Plan Task Team Chair, at [websterd@hotmail.com](mailto:websterd@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support.

## Fourth Sunday of



### Lenten Poem

Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder .....

Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.

*By: Ann Weems*