

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

May 30, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Environment 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.

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

As we gather in worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq people. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

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

Video "How Dare You Look Away" Greta Thunberg

***Introit** "Spirit of the Living God" VU #373 vv. 1, 2

*Call to Worship

Don't look the other way!
Seek advice from the beasts
and they will enlighten you;
from the birds in the Sky
and they will show you.
Speak to the earth
and Mother earth will teach you.
For which of these does not know?
All life is in God's hands!
We cannot look the other way!
May our worship and praise enable us to see.

***Hymn** "Touch the Earth Lightly" VU 307

Prayer of Approach

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you recognize the beauty of the lilies of the field.
In wild places you found the stillness
that helped you to pray.
You reminded us that every sparrow and raven
is known and cared for.
You saw the labour of the farmers
and enjoy the fruit of that work.
Let us be like you and cherish this earth you created,
sustain and promise to make new.**

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

Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer

**Parent of soil and sky
may our praise reveal your beauty
may your encircling love bear fruit
as sun, rain and snow in power creation
provide for life, all that sustains,
free us from stubborn arrogance, and all it brings the fallen
that we enable change for fellow creatures save us in the midst
of what our kind has brought about:
deliver life from evil
for the seasons, the cycles and the power of life are yours
now, and through all endings.
Let it be so!
Amen**

Hymn **"The Whole Wide World is in God's Hands"**
Tune: "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

The whole wide world is in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The sun and the moon are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The nighttime stars are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The rivers and streams are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The birds and the bees are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The little grey squirrels are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The hills and the mountains are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

The great big oceans are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

Apple trees and plum trees are in God's hands [repeat 3 times]
The whole world's in God's hands.

All God's Children

Hymn of Confession "If The Fields are Parched" Video

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Word

Psalm 33

VU #760

Genesis 1:1-25

The Story of Creation (Based on Genesis 1)

- In the beginning, the world was dark, and there was no shape.
(Put hands over eyes and shake head "no.")
- God moved over the water.
(Move arms left to right in front of body.)
- Then God spoke and said, "Let there be light."
(Cup hands around mouth.)
- And there was light!
(Arch hands over head like you are making a big sun.)
- And God said, "This is good!"
(Make an "OK" sign with fingers.)
- God separated the day from the night.
(Push arms away from sides of body.)
- God separated the heavens from the earth.
(Push one arm up and one arm down vertically away from body.)
- God separated the water from the land.
(Push arms away from front of body as if pushing something away from you.)
- And God said, "This is good!"
(Make "OK" sign.)
- God made plants to grow.
(Squat down, put hands and arms together over your head, and slowly stand upward and reach high.)
- God made the stars at night.
(While hands are still high overhead, open hands and fingers wide, and wiggle fingers.)
- And God said, "This is good!"
(Make "OK" sign.)

- God made the fish in the sea, and the birds in the air.
(Put hands together, fingers closed, and move them like a fish tail swimming; then put arms out at sides and flap like a bird.)
- And God said, "This is good!"
(Make "OK" sign.)
- God made animals on the land.
*(Let children imitate different animals they know-
-bunnies hopping, dogs barking, etc.)*
- And God said, "This is good!"
(Make "OK" sign.)
- Then God made people in God's own image.
(Smile and point to self, then look to heavens.)
- God said to the people, "Take good care of my world!"
(Point finger and shake it in front, as if shaking it at someone.)
- And God said, "This world is good!"
(Make "OK" sign and have all say "This is Good!" with happy smiles and great joy.)

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

From the earth, sea and air comes life! Plenty for all! However, there are still people who do not have enough. When we open our hand and heart to those in need, we offer life! The money you give, the love you live, all presented on this place makes this

world a better place. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

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

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

With all creation, we bless our Creator.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

God in Heaven, there is so much to thank you for, but there are some things that make the world such a very special place to live in. For parks, playgrounds, beaches, zoos, the rivers, the mountains, the woods, and the creeks.

We thank you, God.

For rocks near the creek after the rains that make bridges to get across.

We thank you, God.

For polliwogs in the creek after water slows down; for the summer frogs.

We thank you, God.

For squirrels jumping through the trees with those long bushy tails.

We thank you, God.

For the smell of wet pine trees; for acorns when they still have their caps on and for pine cones to make things with.

We thank you, God.

For the happy faces of my dog and my cat when I come home from school.

We thank you, God.

For friends and family to share gifts with; for pals to tell secrets to.

We thank you, God.

For our church, our teachers, our pastors and all the people who work for the church.

We thank you, God.

And thank you, God, for being you and for loving me.

Amen.

***Hymn** “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom” MV #10

***Blessing**

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Child of peace to you

Choral Amen

Choral Benediction

Postlude

*Please rise as you are able.