

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

**November 14, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

**25th Sunday 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**

**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 is brought forward during the quiet time)

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit**

**"Gather Us In"**

**MV #7 (3X)**

## **\*Call to Worship**

The God of Wisdom calls us to worship;  
**in humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.**

The God of Peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;  
**in faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.**

The God of Past, Present and Future welcomes us into this moment.

**In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!**

Let us worship God together.  
**Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn**      "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"

VU #315

## **Prayer of Approach**

You raise up the poor,  
you give them the best rooms in your house;  
you pull the broken from the dust of the world,  
lifting them up and clothing them with joy;  
you exalt those who we have been pushed aside,  
and invite them to say grace at the feast in heaven.  
**You are our God, and we worship you.**

*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.

**Responsive** Psalm 16

VU #738

**\*Hymn** "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout"

MV #183

**All God's Children**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

Our offering is a faith statement.  
By offering our treasure to God,  
we believe that what we do here in this church  
does make a difference in this world  
and that by this offering  
we will hasten the day when the lame shall leap for joy,  
the blind shall see, and that scarcity and  
deprivation will exist only in our memories.

**Offertory**

"Love Is the Touch"

MV #89 v. 1

**\*Presentation of Offering**

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

**We return a portion of what we have received from you, O God, in gratitude for all that you have bestowed upon us.**

**Bless this offering.**

**Grant that it may continue to sustain and support the ministries of this church to bring the light of Christ into this community and the world beyond. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Word**

#### **1 Samuel 1:4–20**

On the day when El/kan/ah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Pe/ninn/ah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband El/kan/ah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set

him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made.” And she said, “Let your servant find favour in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. El/kan/ah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

### **Mark 13:1–8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## **Reflective Music**

### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God of Our Past and Our Future,  
God of Healing and Hope,  
we come before you with grateful hearts,  
trusting that you walk with us through all the times of our lives.

So, we pray today for those who face danger and despair in these times:

we remember before you those living with hunger,  
communities struggling with the impact of drought, storms and earthquakes,  
and all those for whom the pandemic is unrelenting.

We remember people caught up in unrest and violence  
and those whose lives are directed by forces beyond their control.

*(Silence)*

We pray for all those working to relieve suffering in these lives  
and those who work to bring justice and peace:

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those facing fear or frustration,  
wrestling with sorrow or discouragement in any area of their lives:  
for those who live with illness or pain...

for those bearing chronic conditions or disability...

for those who know the grief and change of bereavement...

*(Silence)*

And we pray for all those who work to bring healing and comfort  
and agencies which offer support and care to those who suffer:

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who feel helpless or hopeless in this present time:  
for those struggling to make ends meet or trying to find employment...

for those caught up in the pain of misunderstanding or broken  
relationships...

and for those working through situations of conflict at home or at  
work...

*(Silence)*

We pray for all who offer guidance and support in the midst of such  
difficulties

and for those who have skills in reconciliation or mediation:  
God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of Our Past and Our Future,  
God of Healing and Hope,  
help our congregation and churches everywhere  
as we regroup after months of pandemic isolation  
to engage each day with faithfulness and creativity.  
Where we need correction, show us a new way;  
where we need love and encouragement, draw near.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**\*Hymn**            "I see a New Heaven"

VU #713

**\*Blessing**

What endures is not the structures we build,  
but the work of God that we accomplish  
through our ministries in the name of Christ.  
Let us go forth from here empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to be God's instruments of justice rooted in love  
to further God's vision of Shalom.

And now, as we are held, may we go forth to hold others  
in the name of the Redeemer, Sustainer and Spirit. Amen.

**\*Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.