

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

**October 24, 2021**

**10:30 a.m.**

**22nd 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**

**"I Can Feel You Near Me God"**

**MV #48**

## **\*Call to Worship**

The rich and the poor, the old and the young -  
**take heart! God is calling you.**

The timid and the shy, the bold and the daring -  
**take heart! God is calling you.**

From roadsides and alleyways, pathways and freeways,  
**take heart! God is calling you,**

to open up eyes and redirect lives.

**Take heart! God is calling.**

It is in that calling we gather in worship and praise.

## **\*Hymn**

“Let All Things Now Living”

VU #242

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Source of goodness, we long to see your face and here you call us by name. We desire your love and are eager to follow the way of Jesus. This morning, meet us in our deepest needs and call us forth to journey with you and one another.**

**Sung Response:** Taizé “Bless the Lord” x3

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

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 34:1–8, (19–22)      VU #761

**\*Hymn**      “Teach Me, God, to Wonder”      VU #299 vv. 1, 2

## All God's Children

**\*Hymn**      “Teach Me, God, to Wonder”      VU #299 vv. 3,4

## Presentation of Our Gifts

### Offertory Invitation

Let us magnify God and God's intentions for our world in the offering we make together now.

**Offertory**      “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”      VU #541

## **\*Presentation of Offering**

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Through the sharing of our lives and the blessings of these gifts  
may all creation taste and see the goodness of life. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Word**

#### **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

Then Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
‘Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.’  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a

piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

### **Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### **Anthem**

### **Sermon**

### **Reflective Music**

## **Prayers for Peace from three religions that trace their roots to the same God.**

**A Jewish Prayer for peace:** In the religion of Jesus we pray:

May we merit to bring about the day when war and bloodshed cease, and a great peace embraces the whole universe.

“No nation will lift up a sword to another, and the art of war will no longer be studied.”

May we live to see the leaders of all the nations inspired to do good with their peoples and with all other peoples of the world, bringing about the fulfillment of the Scriptural blessing, “I will bring peace to the Earth, and you will lie down with no one to terrify you, and I will bring calm to all vicious creatures on Earth, and the sword will no longer pass in your Land.”

Let knowledge fill the Earth as water fills the ocean, and let all people of all ethnicities, races, beliefs, genders and orientations enjoy true equality, security, safety and livelihood, in a true spirit of co-existence and cooperation. And let us say, *Amen*.

## **A Muslim Prayer for Peace**

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful.

Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations, that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say “PEACE.”

—Based on the Koran, 49:13, 8:61

### **Christian Prayer for Peace**

Lord we pray for the ability to be gentle;  
the power to be forgiving;  
the patience to be understanding;  
and the perseverance to accept the consequences  
of holding on to what we believe to be right.

Creator, may we place our trust in the power of goodness to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred.

Source of Love, we pray for clear vision so as to see and the faith to believe in a world free from violence,  
a new world in which fear shall no longer lead folk to commit injustice,  
nor a world where selfishness makes them bring suffering upon others.

Help us to offer our whole life and thought and energy  
to the task of making peace,  
praying always for the inspiration and the power  
to fulfill the destiny for which we and all folk were created. Amen.

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn**

“Spirit God, Be Our Breath”

MV #150

## **\*Blessing**

Let us go from this place with eyes wide open, ready to welcome God's people and respond to Christ's call, willing to work for life made new.

**We go, to follow the way of Jesus and to serve a world in need**

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.