

**Central Queen's Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

October 31, 2021

All Hallows' Eve

10:30 a.m.

23rd 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.

We Gather Around the Bonfire

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

***Call to Worship**

Who are you?

I am (*say your name*).

You look different today!

I am hiding!

Hiding?

Yes, hiding behind my mask and my costume!

Do you do this often?

Every Sunday! Every day!

You don't need to hide here in church.

What shall we do?

Take off your masks and hang out with God! God says time and time again that you are awesome! "It's cool to hang out with you - but there is no need for masks!"

Really!

Yes, really - let your little light shine.

Come, let us worship God!

***Song "This Little light of Mine"**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Every day, every day, every day, every way,
Gonna let my little light shine.

Light that shines is the light of love,
Hides the darkness from above,
Shines on me and it shines on you,
Shows you what the power of love can do.
Shine my light both bright and clear,
Shine my light both far and near,
In every dark corner that I find,
Let my little light shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Monday gave me the gift of love,
Tuesday peace came from above,
Wednesday told me to have more faith,
Thursday gave me a little more grace,
Friday told me to watch and pray,
Saturday told me just what to say,
Sunday gave me the power divine
To let my little light shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
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Shine, shine, shine, shine, shine.

***Prayer of Approach**

**God of Laughter and Joy,
we turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors, grateful for
your love that surrounds us at this time of year.
Keep all the children safe as they embark on their Hallowe'en
celebrations.
Light their way through the dark night and hold them in your
care.
May the real treats in our lives be a love that grows more and
more.
We pray this with all the souls in heaven.**

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.**

***Songs**

1. "Give Me Oil"

SGP #130

2.

3. "It only Takes Spark"

It only takes a spark, to get a fire going
And soon all those around, can warm up in glowing

That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread God's love to everyone;
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I have found
You can depend on God, it matters not where you are bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want the world to know, the Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

Story Sharing:

Slivers of Light Shared Through the sharing of Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New" MV #115 x3

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offertory Prayer**

Loving God, help us to give caring hugs, kind words, inviting smiles, welcoming "high fives," warm handshakes as gifts to others. Today, we also give some money so that caring and kindness might be shared with others everywhere. In our giving, may your light shine through us. Amen.

Sparks from Sacred Readings

Sacred Word

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to Abba, your God in heaven.

Anthem

Story Sharing by Greg

***Songs**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Prayers

Spreading the Light

***Hymn** "I Am the Light of the World"

VU #87

***Blessing**

The light continues to shine!

There's no way we can put out the light of God!

How so?

God works with us to shine the light of unconditional love, care and welcome to all!

That's huge!

It is, and we go from here today, allow God's light to shine through us - in our actions and words.

Good on you! God has set you free! Knowing that you are held unconditionally, my we go out from here to hold others unconditionally.

We do this in the name of God, Source of Love; Jesus Christ, Love incarnate; and the Holy Spirit, Love's power. **Amen.**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.