

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
October 31, 2021 – 10:30 am  
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

All Hallows' Eve

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

**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 Halloween 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...*

**\*Songs**

1) Give Me Oil

2) The Lord is My Shepherd

3) It Only Takes a Spark

VU #289

**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," and 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**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

**Anthem**

Harry Lowther

## Story Sharing by Greg

- \*Songs**
- |                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 1) We are Marching            | VU #646 |
| 2) Rejoice in the Lord Always | VU #249 |
| 3) Over My Head               |         |

## 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 as 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, may 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** Dance with the Spirit MV #156 x2

## Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

**Ministers** All of us  
**Clergy** Rev Greg Davis  
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## Ministry of Music

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## Church Office

**Office Hours** Wednesday & Thursday  
9 am – 12 pm  
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**A Warm Welcome to All** – We are delighted you've joined us. May God's word today strengthen your faith, inspire curiosity and learning, and motivate your service of others. All are welcome.

**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Shirley Orr. Lovingly remembered by the Orr family.

### 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 register, 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.

**FundScrip** – Janet will be placing an order today. Next order date will be November 14<sup>th</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. E-transfers accepted.

**Scent-Free** – “No scents makes good sense.” Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant products, you are asked not to use scented products. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is set 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).

**A Walk on the Wild Side** – Would you like to learn more Uppity Women of the Bible? Join Greg in the church parlour on Thursday mornings at 10 am for a seven-week journey (ending November 25<sup>th</sup>) as you explore the first uppity woman – Ruth!!

**CQC Praise Service** will be held on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Music by Central Queens Musical Friends, Sarah Weeks and Kirk Neville. Admission is free. Free will offering graciously accepted. To attend, please register by calling the church office at 902 964-2221. All COVID-19 guidelines will be in place. Hope to see you there!

**Official Board** will meet on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at the church.

**Central Queens United Church Annual Frozen Pie Sale** – Central Queens United Church is once again holding their annual frozen pie sale from today, October 31<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. These delicious, taste like homemade, 8” frozen pies are a popular purchase as gifts, hosting, or just a quick evening dessert craving! Flavours include: apple, pecan, strawberry/rhubarb, blueberry, cherry, caramel apple, no sugar apple, classic berry, pumpkin. Price: \$7/pie except \$8 for pecan. Pie pick-up will be the first week in December at the church, at which time customers will be notified. To order, contact Lois at 902-621-0669.

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

**Bookworms United** will discuss **The Rose Code** by Kate Quinn on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the church parlour. All welcome! Contact Liz Spangler for more information.

## Community News

**Winsloe United Church Chili Dinner** will be held on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 3 pm to 5 pm. **TAKE-OUT ONLY**. Tickets \$10. For tickets, contact the church office at 902-368-1233 or Faye (after 6:00 pm) at 902-368-1175. No tickets available at the door.

### A Christian Pumpkin Poem

I am a Jack O' Lantern  
My light will shine so bright

For I am a Christian pumpkin  
My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross  
On which our Savior died

To set us free from sin  
We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish  
The whole wide world to show

That Christians live in this house  
And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas  
My eyes are like the star

That shone on Baby Jesus  
And wise men saw from far

My color it is orange  
Just like the big bright sun

That rose on Easter Day  
Along with God's own Son.

And so on Halloween  
Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters  
What God's love is all about!

*Author Unknown*

