

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 24, 2022 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Quiet Preparation for Worship

\*Introit                      Come All You People                      MV #2

Call to Worship

God's rainbow arches over us; we fear nothing anymore. For what can conquer God?

**Before the beginning, and after the end, God is, and God will be.**

Everything works together for God's goals.

**If God is with us, nothing we do is wasted;**

Like sunbeams dancing on a lake, even our weakest efforts will gather into the glory of God.

**Gales may buffet, and storm clouds may shadow, but God will never give up on us.**

We will arise and go now; we will sink into God's watery womb, **and rise again into a new life.**

A new day has dawned.

**This is the day God gave us -- we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*Hymn                      Never Ending Joy                      MV #40

Opening Prayer

**We are witnesses, O God, that, in you, suffering and death does not have the final word. Praise be to you for the dawning of this new day; a day when gentleness rules over might, your Spirit makes a way for true community, and love always wins. This is the day you have given us. We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 150                      VU #874

\*Hymn                      like a Child                      VU #366 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

\* Hymn                      like a Child                      VU #366 vs 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

\*Presentation of Offering                      Deep in Our Hearts                      MV #154 vs 2

\*Offertory Prayer

**Generous God, along with our gifts, we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love; our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen**

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Scripture

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-31

### Anthem

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing VU #326

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction Dance with the Spirit MV #156

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

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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.

**Study Leave** – Greg will be away on study leave from tomorrow, April 25 – May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 no longer required; however, masks are still required.

**Official Board Meeting** – The Official Board will be meeting today following the worship service. The agenda item will be COVID protocols. All are welcome to attend.

**Scent-Free** – “No scents makes good sense.” Recognizing that some of our church attendees have sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various fragrant 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).

**FundScrip** – The next order date will be Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. You can reach Janet Howes by email ([jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com)) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs when are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women’s organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

**Weekly Bulletins** can be sponsored by you in celebration or remembrance of a loved one. There is a signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**Bookworms United** – Bookworms United will meeting this Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The book for discussion will be **Enchanted April** by Elizabeth van Arnim. The next book up for discussion is **Ashgrove Park** by K.V. Martins.

**Bulletin Deadline** – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**Camp Abby** – As the weather gets warmer, the excitement starts to grow for camping this summer. Registration is open, and many campers have already signed up. To register, please visit their website at [www.campabegweit.ca](http://www.campabegweit.ca) and click on “Register Today”. This year, they have upped their capacity to 60 campers per week. It would be amazing if 360 campers attended this summer!

A reminder that the Camp Abegweit annual meeting is tomorrow, April 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be at North Bedeque United Church and will begin at 6 pm. *All charges* are asked to send a representative to gather information and pick up their packages of brochures containing the information about this year’s camps. All are welcome!

## **Camp Abby - continued**

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be Camp open up and clean up days. More information on times and the plans to follow.
- Family Camp will be June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> and is the "kick off" to the camping season. It is filling up, so if you are thinking about attending, contact their registrar soon.

## **Community News**

**Spring Park United Church** will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 am – 12 pm (65 Kirkwood Dr, Charlottetown). Proceeds for the life and work of the Church.

**Fiddlers’ Sons at Park Royal United Church** – Award winning Prince Edward Island folk music group, Fiddlers’ Sons, will play at Park Royal United Church (11 Christie Dr, Charlottetown) on Sunday afternoon, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2 – 4 pm. The band features storyteller, author and three-time Music PEI Male Vocalist of the Year, Eddy Quinn; singer, songwriter and guitarist, John B. Webster; and multi-instrumentalist, vocalist and step-dancer, Keelin Wedge. Together the group plays a mix of Island music at its best with lots of toe-tapping tunes, local stories, heartfelt ballads and a few laughs for good measure. For this special concert, they will feature some music from their acclaimed recordings, as well as some traditional selections. Eddy Quinn will also feature some stories from his recently released book *Island Characters Volume 2*. Books and CDs will be available for sale from the performers. **Admission is \$20, payable at the door.** For more information, please call the Church Office at 902-894-9656.



## Mission and Service

**COVID-19 Won't End Until It Ends for Everyone** - "Visible minority" is the term often used to refer to non-Indigenous racialized people. Think about it for a minute. In reality, 80 percent of people around the world are of African, Asian, Latin American, and Arab descent. They are not the minority—they are the global majority. And only 1 percent of this global majority has been vaccinated against COVID-19. In fact, most won't be vaccinated until 2023/24. We need to take action now to ensure that everyone around the globe has access to vaccines. Because the COVID-19 crisis won't end for anyone until it ends for everyone.

There is something you can do to help. Many things, actually.

First, you can join our Moderator in calling on the Canadian government to share excess vaccines, allocate more funds to COVAX, increase Official Development Assistance, and suspend the international agreement on property rights to allow vaccines to be produced more quickly and affordably around the world. You might use the e-mail template on our [Call for Global Vaccine Access for All](#) page. Visit their website at [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca), click on "Social Action" along top bar, then click on "COVID-19 – Global Response."

Second, you can support Mission & Service partners working hard to contribute to food and relief, distribute personal protective equipment, and host programs to prevent and control the spread of the disease.

Third, for just \$25 dollars, you can give the gift of a two-dose vaccine. Pay it forward through the special gift of a vaccine through our United Church's [Gifts with Vision](#). Visit their website at [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca). In Search bar type "Pay It Forward".

Fourth, you can join the whole of the church as we pray for the world together:

"Loving and caring God, we have done everything we've been told: worn masks, stayed home, gotten our shots— Isn't it about time all this is over?"

Let us remember always that no, it's not over; It's not over for people in so many places we never think about: people whose lives were already a struggle now overflowing with illness and loss and grief, and often with no masks, no shots, no way to stay safe at home.

Remind us, God of the whole world, that the whole world is our family. That this won't be all over until it is over for all. And let us do all we can to give our whole-world family what we take for granted: hope for a future."