

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

**February 13, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sixth after Epiphany**

**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**

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

**Quiet Preparation for Worship** (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit**

"A Light is Gleaming"

VU #82 (Chorus)

## Call to Worship

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

**We are each a child of God. No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey, we are blessed.**

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

**We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us and who blesses us.**

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

**Let us rejoice in the love of God,  
and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.**

**\*Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

VU #333

## Prayer of Approach

**O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed.**

**Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide.**

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

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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.**

**Psalm 1**

VU #724

**\*Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me"

VU #365 vv. 1, 2

**All God's Children**

**\*Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me"

VU #265 v. 3

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe?  
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.  
We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

#### **Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering** "What Can I Do"

MV #191

#### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good  
gifts; we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears into**

**laughter, and sorrow into joy. May they truly be a blessing.  
Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Scripture**

#### **Jeremiah 17:5–10**

Thus says the LORD:

cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?  
I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

#### **Luke 6:17–26**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Child of God. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## Reflective Music

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of mystery and mercy,  
we come before you today carrying hopes and dreams,  
the burdens and blessings of our lives.

We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to you,  
seeking your comfort and strength,  
listening for your guidance,  
grateful that you hear us when we pray.

Faithful God,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of life and love,  
we give you thanks that you engage us whenever we need you,  
in the midst of challenge and uncertainty.

We pray today for all those who are fearful about their future,  
and for all who wrestle with challenges at work or at home.  
Help us face our fears and our challenges, sure of your steadfast  
love:

faithful God,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of hope and healing,  
in Jesus Christ you confronted demons that trouble our minds  
and the pain and illness which can weigh us down.  
We pray today for all those who are facing health concerns,  
and for all who care for the suffering and those in need support.

*Silence.*

Surround each one with your steadfast love.

Faithful God,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace and promise,  
when we wrestle with any burden,  
your Spirit prays within us with sighs too deep for words.  
Today we pray for all those whose burdens seem too heavy to  
bear:  
for the victims of violence or disaster,  
for their friends and families...

*Silence.*

For refugees at risk in so many places in the world,  
and those making a new home in our community...

*Silence.*

For those caught in despair and poverty in our own  
neighbourhoods and in the forgotten corners of your world.

*Silence.*

Renew the strength of all facing realities beyond their control with  
your steadfast love:  
faithful God,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we pray in the  
name of the Christ. Amen.

### **Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn** “Breath of God, Breath of Peace”

MV #24

## **\*Benediction**

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

May you be like trees planted by streams of water,  
which bear fruit at just the right time, and like them, may you  
prosper in all you do.

May God bless you and give you peace. Amen.

## **\*Choral Benediction “Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New” MV #115**

## **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.