

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

February 6, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Fifth 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 asked 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

Isaiah, surprised by the Holy One in the Temple—
a vision, a call, a response:

here I am; send me!

Paul, surprised by the Spirit at his hateful work—
an interruption, a challenge, a response:

I received from the Lord the word of grace I now proclaim!

Weary fisher folk, surprised by Jesus at their empty boats—
a sign, a promise, a response:

they left everything to follow!

Let us worship the One whose call surprises and challenges us.

***Hymn** “Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

VU #315

Prayer of Approach

**Holy One, you are ready to meet us
wherever we are in our lives,
offering vision, interruption, hope
where we may least expect it.
Surprise us here at worship today
with some grace unexpected
that will change something in us
—large or small—
and send us into the world
inspired and impassioned to do your work.**

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 138

VU #860

***Hymn** "Jesus Came, a Child Like Me"

VU #583 v.1

All God's Children

***Hymn** "Jesus Came, a Child Like Me"

VU #583 v.4

Celtic Prayer of Forgiveness -- "Creator God"

Creator God,
by your design we are whole people,
yet we have sought to prise Word from flesh
to drain truth from life.
We have lived in our limits
touching the bounds for reassurance.
We have distrusted the vision

and sought to destroy the visionary.

Kyrie eleison - Sung

Forgive us
when we have been willing to be entertained
but not changed,
when we have allowed our insights
too hard and into cliches,
when we have spoken
only to consolidate our own position,
when we have called on you
only to hear the sound of our own voices,
when our celebrations have left others
with nothing to enjoy.

Kyrie eleison - Sung

Searching and creative spirit of God,
who makes community
from the raw materials of our lives,
teach us the humility to learn from those
who know a true rejoicing
through Jesus Christ,
who simply revealed your glory. **Amen.**

The Pattern of Our Days - Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community. Edited by Kathy Galloway

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

God, you call us to give as we have received.
You call us to respond to your grace.

of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’
Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:
“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak

whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”
The holy seed is its stump.

Luke 5:1–11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music Selection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of grace and compassion,
we bring before you the widening circles of our lives.
We lift up those closest and dearest to us
and name them before you with affection and gratitude:

Silence

Thank you that your love reaches into the very depths of their
needs and gives them strength for their journeys.
Jesus, we are here for them and for you:

Sung Response: **Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
we are here for you.**

Holy One, we celebrate the life of your church,
that world-wide community of believers
whose worship and service strengthen our faith and challenge us
to live what we believe. We remember before you this day all
those who work for the greater good of all. We give thanks
for their vision, courage and compassion.

In the midst of sudden and overwhelming crises
which cry out for response throughout the world,
you work through many who act swiftly with mercy and hope.

Jesus, we are here for them and for you:

Sung Response: **Jesus, we are here;**
 Jesus, we are here;
 Jesus, we are here;
 we are here for you.

Spirit of healing and hope,
we remember before you the many communities and individuals
experiencing ongoing conflict and violence,
widespread drought or severe flooding, market challenges,
crowded quarters in refugee compounds,
a yearning for education and a struggle for freedom.

Silence

We join our prayers with those of desperate people everywhere,
trusting in your gifts of courage and resilience to grapple with
these steep challenges. In a world of so much abundance,
inspire generosity and hope among those who give and those who
receive.

Jesus, we are here for them and for you,

Sung Response: **Jesus, we are here;**
 Jesus, we are here;
 Jesus, we are here;
 we are here for you.

Holy and loving God,
We are in awe of your goodness.
We know in our hearts the tug of our common humanity,
as well as the boldness of your Spirit to respond to those who
suffer and make a difference wherever we can.
O God, in your compassion and love, hear our prayers. Amen.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn “Called By Earth and Sky”

MV #135

*Benediction

Go now to live out your calling.

God will be with us, opening our eyes to the need around us.

Go, to welcome all with open arms.

Christ would have us include those who were rejected by the world.

Go with open hearts to listen to all you will meet.

The Spirit will work through us so all feel accepted. Amen.

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

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.