

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
January 16, 2022 – 10:30 am

Second Sunday 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

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation

*Introit A Light is Gleaming VU #82 (Chorus)

*Call to Worship

How precious is God's steadfast love!
We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

Come and feast on God's abundance.
We will drink from the river of God's delights.

For with God is the fountain of life;
And in God's light we will see light.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!
We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See VU #371

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, you have given each one of our special gifts - gifts from your Spirit. We praise you, God, for the gifts that overflow in us. Help us to know how you want us to use our gifts, individually and within our community, to heal the hurt and brokenness in our world. Be with us this day as we sing praises, hear your word and open our hearts to the ways that you are speaking to us and through us.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 36:5-10 VU #762

*Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

* Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87 vs 3 & 4

A Litany

As winter trees stretch out bare arms to a dark sky,
We stretch out in the darkness to find the touch of love.

As snowdrops turn their gentle faces to the sun,
We long to find in that warmth the promise of peace.

As the fire breaks the shell of the seed,
So may our pain break the shell of isolation that protects us from ourselves.

In the security of darkness, the warmth of sunshine, the promise of fire,
May we blossom anew in the miracle of your saving love, O God.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering** What Can I Do MV #191

***Offertory Prayer**

God of abundance and overflowing love, we offer these gifts, both monetary and the gifts of our very selves, to you. Use them and us to allow others to feel, see and experience the amazing fullness of your love for all creation. Like lava that flows and wine that overflows from jars, may these gifts reach places far and wide, bringing your grace and love to people who need it the most. Amen

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV #138

***Blessing**

God's love is overflowing.
God's gifts are abundant.
Go out into the world, overflowing with God's love and abundance,
so that everyone we meet can experience God's overflowing love for themselves. Amen

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

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers

All of us

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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.

Sympathy – Our sympathy is extended to Winnie, Shawn and Becky on the loss of their husband and father, Lloyd Murphy.

Life and Work of Our Church

Greg's Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am – 12pm. 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 for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Due to rising numbers of COVID cases, there will be no in-church worship services until further notice. Please check Facebook or our website for when we will be able to have in-church services again.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date will be Sunday, January 23rd. To place an order, contact Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Official Board Meeting – The Official Board meeting for January has been cancelled.

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting scheduled to be held on Sunday, January 30th, has been postponed to Sunday, February 13th. If you haven't already do so, please submit your reports as soon as possible. Please email them to office@cquc.ca. Thank you to everyone who has submitted their reports.

Bookworms United is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 26th, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. Please stay tuned as to whether we will be able to meet in person or, perhaps, by Zoom. The book that will be discussed is **The Splendid and the Vile** by Erik Larsen.

Bulletin Deadline – Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Camp Abegweit – Camp Abby experienced an awesome summer and many long lasting memories were made. This cannot happen without your ongoing support. Your generous donations are needed and appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, you can contact their treasurer, Linda Durdle at durdle@eastlink.ca. They are in the process of planning and hiring for summer 2022. To learn more about what is happening, follow them on Facebook or their website (<https://www.campabegweit.ca>).

A PATTERN FOR LIVING

“Love one another as I have loved you”

May seem impossible to do,

But if you will try to trust and believe,

Great are the joys that you will receive.

For love makes us patient, understanding, and kind,
And we judge with our hearts and not with our minds,

For as soon as love entered the heart's open door,

The faults we once saw are not there anymore,

And the things that seem wrong begin to look right
When viewed in the softness of love's gentle light,

For love works in ways that are wondrous and strange,

And there is nothing in life that love cannot change,

And all that God promised will someday come true

When you have loved one another the way He loved you.

By: Helen Steiner Rice