

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
March 6, 2022 – 10:30 am

First Sunday in Lent

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

Lenten Litany

Jesus wandered in the wilderness and was tempted. In that wilderness, he encountered rock and stone. They are the landscape of a harsh environment. As we enter Lent, we intentionally enter the harsh environment of pain and suffering in our lives and in the world. The temptation is to avoid suffering and pain.

(First brick is placed)

The rock of temptation.

May God spirit walk with us.

***Introit** Don't Be Afraid MV #90

***Call to Worship**

In this place, at this time, let us call out what is good.

In this place, at this time, let us surrender what does harm.

In this place, at this time, let us be filled with worship.

We are an offering to God.

Let us present ourselves freely.

Hymn Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108

Prayer of Approach

Divine Sojourner, as we saunter far into the wilderness, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the prejudices deep within us. How ever we wander in this season, may your Holy Glow refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we connect with each other.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 VU #807-808

***Hymn** Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold VU #605 vs 1

All God's Children

* **Hymn** Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold VU #605 vs 2

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171
(Chorus)

***Offertory Prayer**

Not by magic, but through the generosity of your people do stones become bread, O God. Not by gathering power to ourselves, but through serving others do we find the purpose of our lives. Not by upfront guarantees, but through trusting and risking do we live faithfully.

Thank you, God, for these wilderness lessons, in Jesus' name.

Amen

John Moses - Gathering-Lent, Easter 2016 , Page 33

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Luke 4:1-13

Anthem

Sarah Weeks

Sermon

Reflective Music Selection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Lead On, O Cloud of Presence VU #421

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Peace Be With You MV #215

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us

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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 Denis Lajeunesse. Lovingly remembered by Lois, Robin, Lynne, Paula & families.

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 for an appointment.

In-Church Services: Registration and masks are **required**. To register, please call 902-964-2221 or email office@cquc.ca. If you are registering **after Thursday morning**, please text or call Velda at 902-940-7674. Thank you.

Election of Elders –Election of Elders are being held until next Sunday, March 13th. Be sure to pick up your ballot and deposit it in the silver box in the foyer. Thank you.

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.

Official Board Meeting will be held next Thursday, March 17th, at 7 pm.

Broadview (formerly Observer) – To renew your subscription of Broadview or for a new subscription, please contact Velda at 902-940-7674. Subscription cost is \$25 for one year.

Annual Reports – If you have not picked up a copy of the Annual Report, there are some available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date will be Sunday, March 20th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

Sunday Worship Cancellations – In the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made by radio on Ocean 100 by 9 am. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

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

Bookworms United – Due to the stormy weather, Bookworms United has been rescheduled to this **Wednesday, March 9th**, at 10:30 am in the church parlour. Discussion will be on the books **The Splendid and The Vile** by Eric Larsen and **Fight Night** by Miriam Toews. The next book for discussion will be **Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good, a book about residential school survivors, available at Indigo and also on the Canada Reads shortlist. Learn more about it on the CBC Canada Reads website. Bookworms United next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23rd. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at spangler@upe.ca.

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

Mission & Service – There has been a rising number of Canadian families who can't make ends meet. Since COVID struck, visits to Canadian food banks have climbed 20 percent. Already, over 33 percent of food bank users are children. In 2022, food prices are predicted to rise another 5 to

7 percent. Let's do more to support our friends and neighbours living in Canada. Support families by giving the gift of a meal through our Mission & Service partners. A gift of just \$25 will provide a family of four with a warm, nutritious meal. \$50 will support a family with two meals. \$175 will ensure a family can eat a good, healthy meal every day of the week. Make a gift today at www.canadahelps.org!

Community News

Central Queens Funeral Co-Op Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at the funeral home (2538 New Glasgow Rd-Rte 224). Open House from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Meeting to begin at 2:00 pm. Everyone welcome. 902-964-2886. Storm date will be Saturday, April 2nd, at 2:00 pm.

PEI Summer Music Academy

www.peisummermusic.ca

The PEI Summer Music Academy is a high quality summer music program that focuses on celebrating the creative arts, with a focus on music. This camp was created to provide an affordable and accessible summer camp option for families who love music and the creative arts. The PEI Summer Music Academy offers days filled with group singing, music games, ukulele instruction, and learning about different musical instruments. Students are exposed to visual art activities, organized active and outdoor play, as well as daily group lessons in musical theatre. At the end of each week, students demonstrate their newfound skills with a featured Friday afternoon Showcase Performance.

Open to students ages 5-14, the 2022 program has added an additional week! Join us Monday July 11 - Friday July 15 and/or Monday, July 18- Friday, July 22 for camp located at the beautiful Mount Academy, a premier private school in Charlottetown. Students are guaranteed to enjoy fun-filled days of music-making as well as creative and active play in an environment that allows each student to shine!

Spaces are limited - be sure to register early! Visit [peisummermusic.ca](http://www.peisummermusic.ca) for more information and online registration.

The PEI Summer Music Academy will also be hiring camp counsellors, full or part time hours are available. Please visit <https://www.peisummermusic.ca/camp-counsellors> for more information and to apply.

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Why she says “Yes”

Lent is not a fast time,
but a measured long to last time,
a somewhat lean but clean time,
a useful in between time.

Lent is not a false time,
nor a masked ball or fancy waltz time,
it’s not a rough and tough uncouth time,
but an honest loving truth time.

Lent is not a grasping time,
nor a smothering greedy clasping time,
but a patient shaping moulding time,
a pay attention holding time.

Lent is not a sleeping time,
but a wake up early weeping time
with tears that rinse us through time,
a making all things new time.

Lent’s not a dead unfeeling time,
but the passionate Spring Lord’s healing time,
it’s a warm up the cold and frigid time,
a release the imprisoned rigid time.

Lent is not for me a “no” time,
but a go slow wake up and grow time,
it’s a be more but do less time,
for me Lent is a “yes” time.

Tina Lamb (1940 –)

