

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
May 22, 2022 – 10:30 am

Sixth 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

**Let the Creator find a home among us**  
In our hearts, may God be welcome  
**May God's love shape our every thought**  
May our actions lead to God's justice  
**May our words be words of life**  
May God's Spirit lead us  
**May God's peace dwell within us**  
**in our worship and our work.**

\*Hymn                      Rejoice, The Lord is King                      VU #213

Opening Prayer

God of promise and purpose, we greet you this day with thankful hearts. As flowers unfurl and buds open, the beauty of your world lifts our spirits in praise. As children grow and students prepare to graduate, their energy and enthusiasm encourage us toward your future. Your world is full of such variety and detail, we stand in awe of your creative imagination. Draw close to us in this hour of worship and show us the promise and purpose in our own lives. May we unfurl with your gift of new life and move into the future, renewed by the energy of your Holy Spirit.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 67                      VU #786

\*Hymn                      Teach Me, God, to Wonder                      VU #299 vs 1 & 2 & 3

All God's Children

\* Hymn                      Teach Me, God, to Wonder                      VU #299 vs 4

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have not yet learned to love as you love. We have spoken praise in our mouths when our hearts were far from you. The gifts you gave for our peace we have weaponized. Yet, even in our failings your love has never failed us, even when we turned you away. You still choose to make your home among us. Our hearts are troubled; we are enmeshed in fear.

Creation needs you.  
Our families need you.  
Our streets need you.  
Our cities need you.  
The soil needs you.  
Our souls need you.

**Heal us.  
Forgive us.  
Make us whole again.**

*Silence*

### **An Amazing Love**

Beloved of God, hear the good news. God's faithfulness is sure. God's love will not fail us in accordance with God's lovingkindness. You are liberated. You are welcomed. You are home.

**Glory to love of God. Amen.**

### **Presentation of Our Gifts**

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

Our God does not give as the world gives.  
In the chaos, God is our peace.  
In our fear, God is our confidence.  
In our weakness, God is our strength.  
Let us offer our gifts to God.

**We do so with thanks.**

We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

#### **Offertory**

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

#### **Offertory Prayer**

**May these gifts be used to build the Beloved Community through our hands of service, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

### **Listening for the Word**

#### **Sacred Word**

**Revelation 21:10, 22:1-5  
John 5:1-9**

### **Anthem**

### **Sermon**

### **Reflective Music**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

#### **Responding to the Word**

#### **\*Hymn**

Worship the Lord

VU #401 vs 1, 2, 3 & 5

#### **Refrain:**

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)  
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,  
Raising our hands (raising our hands)  
in devotion to God who is one!

1. Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,  
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,  
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,  
worship and work must be one!

#### **Refrain**

2. Praying and training that we be a blessing,  
and by our handiwork daily confessing:  
are committed to serving humanity,  
worship and work must be one!

#### **Refrain**

3. Called to be partners with God in creation,  
honouring Christ as Lord of the nation,  
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and  
work must be one!

#### **Refrain**

5. Now in response to the life you are giving,  
help us, O God, to offering our living,

seeking a just and healing society,  
worship and work must be one!

**Refrain**

**\*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.

**Today’s Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Betty Howatt.  
Presented by the Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today’s Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Coltin Daniel Leveillee (January 15, 1989 – May 25, 2019). Lovingly remembered by Kim Rodd, Suzanne and Harvey Silliphant and Nancy Richard.

**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:** At a recent Official Board meeting, the decision was made to continue with the status quo regarding our COVID protocols. Registration is not required; however, masks are still required.

**Official Board Meeting** – The Official Board will be meeting next Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. The agenda item will be COVID protocols. All are welcome to attend.



**Central Queens United Church Roast Beef Take Out Supper** – Central Queens United Church is holding their annual spring take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. A tasty hot roast beef supper with all the trimmings including scrumptious homemade desserts! Ticket prices: Adults: \$18; children (6-12 yrs.): \$7; and children under 6 yrs: free.

**\*\*\*Please note:** This dinner is take-out only. Customers should remain in their vehicles. Tickets will be collected at that time and meals delivered to your car. There will be three (3) take-out times: 3:30 pm, 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Tickets **must be ordered in advance** by calling Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669.



**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 29<sup>th</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. May promotions for Fundscrip: Swiss Chalet/Montana's - 10% and Walmart - 3.5%.



**Annual Central Queens United Church Yard Sale** will be held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am - 1 pm. Anyone wanting to donate can do so until setup day, Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Items can be dropped off during the week during office hours. If possible, please price your items in order to save us time, keeping in mind that it is a yard sale. Clothing and books DO NOT have to be priced. They will be priced together accordingly. Thank you.



**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 sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

**Bookworms United** – Bookworms United will meeting this Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The book for discussion will be **Ashgrove Park** by K.V. Martins. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at [spangler@upei.ca](mailto:spangler@upei.ca).

**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** –Registration is open. 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. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer.

Did you know that you can contribute to Camp Abby through the PAR program? Consider giving a monthly donation to help with their many expenses. Please see the bulletin board for more information about this worthwhile endeavour or contact Linda Durdle at [durdle@bellalian.com](mailto:durdle@bellalian.com) or 902-836-4090.

Camp Abby will be having two "**CAMP OPEN UP**" days this month. They will be on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9 am. If you can give an hour or more, the more hands the better to get things ready for this camping season. If you can stay past lunch, please bring your lunch with you and join in the fellowship. What can you bring? A bucket, rubber gloves, cleaning products, shop vac ..... Hoping to see you!

Camp Abby is in need of a Cook for this summer season. They are open to having 2 people cover this role if that would make it more workable. They offer a lovely cabin on the site for your use. They would also offer a free week of camping to a child or grandchild! To discuss a summer as part of the ministry of camping at Camp Abby, please contact Chair of Staffing: Jillian Avender at [jillian@campabby.ca](mailto:jillian@campabby.ca)

Upcoming date to keep in mind:

- 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.

**Mission & Service** – Creating a World Without Hate

On June 6,2021, not far from the oldest mosque in London, Ontario, a family of five out for a walk were deliberately run over by a truck. Three adults and one teenager were killed. A nine-year-old boy is the sole survivor. Police say the family was targeted because they are Muslim.

In a statement, The United Church of Canada condemned the horrific and hate-filled attack.

“Many people in the United Church are weeping alongside the extended families and friends of the family members who were killed and injured in this premeditated hate crime and are grieving the innocent lives lost in this abhorrent attack,” the statement reads, acknowledging the fearfulness that some people in the Muslim community feel as a result.

Did you know that 322 anti-Muslim hate crimes were reported in Canada between 2013 and 2019? And that’s just the crimes we know about.

Prejudice runs deep. A 2017 study published by the Angus Reid Institute states that almost half of all Canadians have an unfavourable view of Islam, a perception evident in attitudes toward religious clothing. While 88 percent of Canadians support a nun wearing a habit, just 32 percent approve of a person wearing the niqab.

Our United Church is deeply committed to working with Muslims and others for peace and justice. That’s why your Mission & Service gifts help us as a church to develop statements and educational resources to combat prejudice and discrimination.

In 2006, for example, the church released the statement “That We May Know Each Other: United Church-Muslim Relations Today.” It was preceded by an important study document with the same name designed to help church communities deepen loving relationships with our faith cousins. Similar study guides have been created to foster interfaith relationships, including Jewish and Hindu faiths (respectively, “Bearing Faithful Witness” and “Honouring the Divine in Each Other”).

Education begins with us. Your Mission & Service gifts help raise awareness and understanding that in turn contributes to a more peaceful world. One where no one is harmed by the hatred of another. Where no more children have to grow up without their family.

In the words of our current Moderator Richard Bott, “Let us use all that we have and all that we are to stand in the face of the evil that would allow and cause this crime of hatred. Even as one man has been arrested for his actions, let us uncover and work against the beliefs, the worldview, the racism and the hatred that supported his choice.” Amen.