

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 8, 2022 – 10:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mothering Sunday

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

Calling to Mind

*Hymn We Are Pilgrims VU #595

Responsive Reading – Psalm 139:13-14 VU #861 & 862

*Hymn My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV #138 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

* Hymn My Love Colours Outside the Lines MV #138 vs 3 & 4

Reflection

Reflective Music

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

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

*Offertory Prayer

Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships that both inspire and challenge. We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build relationships with one another and with your whole creation. Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness and life abundance to all people. We pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 49:13-16a

Matthew 23:37-39

Anthem

Sermon A Nurturing God, A Nurturing Community

Reflective Music

Prayer

Before you were born, my body held you in secret. As you learned to walk, I held your hand. When you let go and ventured out into your bright new day, I held my breath.

Bone of my bone ...
flesh of my flesh ...
beat of my heart ...
spark of eternity ...
gift to the world ...

you were never mine to hold on to forever, but my heart can't help it.

Child of mine, wherever you go, my love, my life, my dreams and the constant whisper of my prayers go with you.

Sung Response

**Bless the Lord and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Mothering God, we hear you calling:

**'Bone of my bone ...
flesh of my flesh ...
beat of my heart ...
spark of eternity ...
gift to the world ...
Come home. Come home.'**

God, our mother, your voice echoes all around us. We catch hints of your pleading in the cries of the hungry, snatches of your pleasure in the laughter of our children, new verses of your song in every dawn chorus. Mother of all, we share the breath of your creative spirit and your imprint is on every soul. Teach us to see you in each other.

Holy, wholly Spirit, forgive us when we wander away:

when we forget who we are and why we're here – when we fragment ourselves and forget that we are family. Gather us again under your wings and under the roof of your heaven that we may open the doors of our hearts to each other and share this planet-home.

Mother, we hear you calling:

**'Bone of my bone ...
flesh of my flesh ...
beat of my heart ...**

**spark of eternity ...
gift to the world ...
Come home. Come home.' Amen**

Silence

Sung Response

**Bless the Lord and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Would You Bless Our Homes and Families VU #556

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Dance with the Spirit MV #156

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Liturgy written by Sally Foster-Fulton (adapted) - Wild Goose Publications

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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 Charles Wagner. Presented by Central Queens Musical Friends.

In loving memory of Robert Rackham. Presented by Central Queens Musical Friends.

In loving memory of Ralph L Howes. Lovingly remembered by Ruby, Fred, Janet, Alyssa and Kaylee.

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

COVID Questionnaire – We would like a response from the congregation on a questionnaire that the COVID-19 committee has produced. Please respond back by next Sunday, May 15th. A box will be available at the back of the sanctuary.

It has been sent out to our email group, you can find it on the website, or you can take a paper copy from the resource table at the back of the sanctuary.

You can direct your questions or concerns to dykermanbernie@gmail.com or call (902) 626-6869.

Official Board Meeting – The Official Board will be meeting on Sunday, May 29th, following the worship service. The agenda item will be COVID protocols. All are welcome to attend.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date will be Sunday, May 15th. You can reach Janet Howes by email (jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted.

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.

Rosewood Services are held the third Thursday of every month. Greg will be leading the service on Thursday, May 19th.

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 signup sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Bookworms United – Bookworms United will meeting on Wednesday, May 25th. The book for discussion will be **Ashgrove Park** by K.V. Martins. For more information, please contact Liz Spangler at 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.

Camp Abby –Registration is open. To register, please visit their website at www.campabegweit.ca and click on “Register Today”. This year, they have upped their capacity to 60 campers per week.

Upcoming dates to keep in mind:

- May 14th and 28th will be Camp open up and clean up days. More information on times and the plans to follow.
- Family Camp will be June 24th-26th and is the "kick off" to the camping season. It is filling up, so if you are thinking about attending, contact their registrar soon.

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 or 902-836-4090.

Community News

Spring Fling Concert featuring Phase II & Friends will be held at West River United Church on Sunday, May 15th, at 2:30 pm. Admission fee is \$15. Tickets are available by calling the church office at 902-566-4052 or at the door. More information on the poster on the bulletin board.

