

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

September 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

15th After Pentecost

Sunday School Opening

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 ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

Quiet Preparation for Worship (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

***Introit**

"Your Love is Amazing"

MV 26

Call to Worship

Jesus said, let the little children come to me...

We come, each of us a child of God.

Jesus said, it is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.

We come to recognize that each child is already part of God's Kindom.

***Hymn** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

VU 395

Opening Prayer

**It was on
my gran's porch that I first learned that you loved me.**

**It was in a bus
on the way to school
each day, when I discovered what acceptance meant.**

**It was on the pitch
on all those rainy days where I learned
what trust others means.**

**I've found a lot
of holy ground, God, and not always where I thought I might.**

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

Lord's Prayer

**God, my friend:
your name is so special
yet I can still talk to you.
I long to live in your
space called grace.
May your dreams for the world (and me) come true.
Give me the nourishment
– physical, emotional, spiritual – I need each day.
Accept my apology
when I mess up,
and help me to listen
to those who tell me
they are sorry.
Hold my hand,
as I try to follow you.
Keep me from doing
what I know is wrong.
For you are
the heart, the peace,
the hope
I need all my life. Amen**

Psalm 23

God is my comfort,
my companion in every moment.

**When I toss and turn at night,
God rocks me to sleep.**

When my fears chase me,
God holds my hand.

**When I lose my way,
God brings me back.**

As the shadows creep
closer and closer,
you are my light for this journey:
your compassion my walking stick;
your hope the shawl keeping me warm.

**When I am surrounded by loneliness
you invite me home.**

Setting a place for me
at the kitchen table,
you fill my plate with grace.

**Turning down the duvet
in the guest room,
you tuck me into your love,
and I am at peace
always.**

We say sorry to God

Dear God, as we sit here quietly, we can think of times we didn't act like a very good friend. Sometimes we haven't kept our promises. Sometimes we've talked about others behind their back. Sometimes we've been angry with a friend and never worked things out. We're sorry, God, that we don't always act like your friends. Amen.

We hear a kind word about God

Dear friends, while it is true we have all done things we shouldn't have and disappointed God, it is also true that God still says we are ok! With Jesus' love we can become new people. So know that we make God glad when we remember to say we're sorry. We can show Jesus' love by saying sorry to our friends – and that will make God glad too!

Sing along

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** “In Gratitude and Humble Trust” VU 544

(Tune: Forest Green VU 518)

Round of Thanks

"For all the goodness in our lives, we give you thanks, O God."

Listening for the Word

Sacred Word

Beatitudes for kids

Blessed are those who ask questions, for they are God's imagination.

Blessed are those who hug outsiders, for they are God's hands.

Blessed are those who comfort scared little kids, for their fears will disappear.

Blessed are those who stand up to bullies, for they are God's hope.

Blessed are those who eat lunch with the lonely, for they will be fed with grace.

Blessed are those who care for the homeless, for they are God's welcome.

Blessed are those called every name possible, for God knows your heart.

Blessed are the atheist and the believer, the Buddhist and the Hindu, the Jew and the Muslim, the wonderer and the wanderer, for you are God's children, all of you, each of you.

***Hymn** "Give To Us Laughter"

VU 624

All God's Children

Anthem

Giving God Thanks

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** "Give me Oil"

SFGP #130

***Benediction**

God: Dance lively. Sing loudly. Love recklessly. You know why?
Because God dances lively with you. God sings loudly with you.

God loves recklessly with you! We are in good company! Praise
be to God! Amen

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

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.