

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
April 9, 2023 – 10:30 am

Resurrection 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

**We live at mystery's edge, watching for a startling luminescence or a word to guide us. In fragile occurrence, the Holy One is present beyond belief and we must pause...**

Daily, there are glimmers, reflections of a seamless mercy revealed in common intricacies.

**These circles of grace spill out around us and announce that we are part of this mystery.**

Today we celebrate life over death. Today we celebrate the flame that lives again. We will light the fire...

\*Hymn Christ the Lord is Risen Today VU #157

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Hallelujah!

**On this day we celebrate resurrection.**

Call to Worship (continued)

The power of life has overcome the power of death.

**Hallelujah!**

The light of love has shattered the shadows of fear.

**Hallelujah!**

The way of peace has prevailed against the violence of the empire.

**Hallelujah!**

We come to worship the God whose resurrection power is a possibility for all who embrace the ways of love.

**Hallelujah!**

\*Hymn In the Bulb There is a Flower VU #703 vs 4 - 6

Prayer of Approach

God of the morning, Jesus of the empty tomb, Spirit who rolls stones, the word "alive" is not enough to encompass the day.

May we know life in every molecule of our being, in every word we manage to utter, in every gasp of breath we take.

May your resurrection, you're breathing again, anchor us in hope once more. Dare our minds to dream again, to believe beyond what kingdoms our world offers.

When there are no words to describe today, may we have laughter that colours the world anew with faith that mocks death and encourages life once again.

God of the morning, Jesus of the empty tomb, Spirit who rolls stones, we praise you.

God of life and the promise you are alive in each one of us,  
**Alleluia! Amen**

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

\*Hymn This is the Day

## All God's Children

Hymn This is the Day

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

## Call to Transformation and New Life

### Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Amazing God, we know there is nothing you cannot overcome. We confess to our profound need of your love, strength, and mercy. Too often, we come toward the tomb resigned to the status quo. We anticipate the worst even when you are the provider of every good and perfect thing. We allow despair over the condition of our world to overwhelm us when you call us to follow you. Strengthen us to live abundantly in your kingdom on earth. Transform us and breathe new life into us.

## Assurance of God's Unending Love

### Presentation of Our Gifts

## Invitation to Generosity

## Offertory

### \*Presentation of Offering

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU #149 vs 4

### \*Offertory Prayer

To you O God, we offer these gifts acknowledging that we walk by faith, we live by faith, we give by faith. Accept these gifts from our hands, our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen.

### Listening for the Word

## Sacred Scripture

Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Matthew 28:1-10

## Sermon

## Reflective Music

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU #468

## Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is the heart of life. And we are the heartbeat. May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy. We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

**We give thanks for the invitation to be at this table, for here we are shown our lives.**

The daily bread of our work and care, the cup of delight, pressed from the fruits of our creativity and our brokenness, with all its pain and self-knowledge.

We celebrate the life that is ours for we know we are valued in your sight. We celebrate the life that is yours, a pattern of reality for us: love that is love revealed,  
love given and received,  
love in action.

Therefore, with all your lovers throughout the ages we praise you singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;  
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might.  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Bread and cup tell a very special story, about women, about men, about life.

Bread has its beginnings in the earth: it is gathered, ground, and kneaded by loving hands, tired backs, by sweat of toil. Bread from field and mill and store.

Bread to break, to give and eat, shared from hand to hand. Bread that must be broken open, to be used, to feed. Bread broken to fill emptiness.

Likewise, the cup is of the earth, bitter and sweet. From vine to glass, given and shared, of people's labour.

Cup of joy and pain, grief, and gladness. Cup to be spilled, to quench thirst, and to enliven the heart. With bread and cup, you are invited to see, hear, smell, feel and taste the mystery of grace.

#### **Anthem**

#### **Sharing of Bread and Cup**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**You give us bread for new life, the cup for celebration, each other for community, and yourself for joy.**

**With awe and joy we sing of a church with purpose, faith nurtured and hearts comforted, human dignity defended, gifts shared for the good. We have given all this and more at this table of Grace. Amen**

#### **Responding to God's Word**

**\*Hymn**                      The Day of Resurrection                      VU #165

#### **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

**God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.**

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

**We open ourselves to this truth.**

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

**Christ is risen!**

Christ is risen indeed.

**\*Choral Benediction**    I Am Walking a Path of Joy                      MV #221

#### **Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able

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**A Warm Welcome to All** – We are delighted you have 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 Oswald & Ruth (Clark) Lowther. Lovingly remembered by Harry & Louise Lowther.

Today’s bulletins are also placed in loving memory Martha Carver. Lovingly remembered by Pat and Walter Carver.

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### **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:** Masks are recommended but not required.

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, April 16<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.



**Confirmation Classes** – Anyone who is 14 years or older who is interested in confirmation classes, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at [minister@cquc.ca](mailto:minister@cquc.ca).

**Congregational Meeting** – A congregational meeting will be held after the worship service next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> (**please note corrected date**). Information will be presented on the work that needs to be done on the roof and siding of the church.

**E-Transfers** – Central Queens United Church is set up to accept E-Transfers. If you prefer to give your offerings through E-Transfer, please send via email to [veldabertram@gmail.com](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Central Queens UCW “Queens Unit”** will meet this Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at the home of Etta Ellis. Program: Kim Rodd; Worship: Margaret Smith; Lunch: Margaret Smith and Suzanne Silliphant.

**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.

**Food Bank** – Please remember to support the Food Bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during church office hours in the wooden box at the church entrance.

**Bookworms United** – The next meeting of Bookworms United will be on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, in the church parlour. We are reading *Bound* by Theresa Redmond, a historical novel set in PEI in the late 1700s. Thanks to Mo, the author will be joining us!!

**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 if our church service is cancelled.

**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).

**Scent-Free** – *“No scents make good sense”*

Please refrain from wearing scented products such as perfume, cologne, and fragrant personal care products as they can trigger serious health issues for those with fragrance allergies. Thank you for your cooperation so that everyone can attend our church.

**Pop Can Pull Tabs** – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collecting pop can pull tabs which 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 pull tab collections can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

**Central Queens Emmaus Walkers** is on pause. Stay tuned for when they will resume.

**Puzzle Exchange** – There is a cart in the foyer with lots of jigsaw puzzles. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or bring one for someone to do. Making puzzles is a wonderful winter activity.

### **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Winter Series Ceilidh** on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Host Eddy Quinn welcomes special guests Sandra and Ricky Jones plus a "Visit from Sarah", a comedy skit presented by Barb Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**The Winsloe Players Presents "She's Back"** at the Carrefour Theatre on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. All proceeds will support the QEH Foundation's Big Day of Giving. Ticket prices are \$20/adult and \$10/child (under 12). Tickets are available by calling Proude Shoes (902-894-3504), Winsloe Irving (902-569-0166), Clow's Red & White (902-621-0500), QEH Foundation (902-894-2425), or any cast member.

**Calling all fudge makers!** The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge to be sold at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you can donate this sweet treat, please contact Barb Jenkins at 902-626-6313. Thank you!!

**Spring Park United Church Yard Sale** is preparing for its annual spring yard sale. Mark your calendars! It will be **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9 am to 12 noon**. We are still looking for donations of the following items: jewelry, sports equipment, furniture, books, puzzles, electronics, bedding, curtains, crafts, children's toys, home decor, and especially **indoor and outdoor plants** (please no clothes). Items can be dropped off on the stage. We are also offering to pick up items with proper distancing and public safety in mind. Please email the yard sale email address ([springparkyardsale@gmail.com](mailto:springparkyardsale@gmail.com)) or call the office to make arrangements. Admission by donation.

**The Rural Municipality of Hunter River Council** is please to announce the opening of the Hunter River Community Fridge located outside at the Hunter River Community Center, the Community Fridge will provide a space for residents of the area (if they are able) to donate perishable and non-perishable food items, and for those who may need a helping hand to take what they may need. Islanders from one end of the Province to the other, in both urban and rural centres are experiencing rapidly rising costs of putting food on the table for themselves and their families. It is hoped that it will allow those in the Municipality and the surrounding areas access to help close to home. The Fridge is accessible year-round 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Information about what can be donated and ways to help can be found on the Rural Municipality of Hunter River website, the Hunter River Community Fridge Facebook page or by contact the Municipal office at 902-621-0836.

### **Easter Renewal**

Easter comes with new beginnings,  
As nature wakes from winter's slumber.

The earth is reborn, once again,  
In a radiant burst of splendor.

Amidst the green of fields and trees,  
The colors of springtime come to life.  
A new day dawns with hope and peace,  
And all the world is free from strife.

The promise of a brighter day,  
Lies within the Easter story.  
As Christ was risen from the dead,  
We too can share in glory.

So let us lift our voices high,  
And sing a song of Easter praise.  
For Christ has risen, and we know,  
He'll guide us through life's maze.

*Author Unknown*