

Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
July 16, 2023 – 10:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Bible Presentation

**\*Introit** Sing Praises (Taizé) x 4  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord.  
Sing praises, all you peoples,  
sing praises to the Lord!

**\*Call to Worship**

As we greet this new day,  
**we come together as one.**  
In our differences,  
**we come together as one.**  
In our uniqueness,  
**we come together as one.**  
In our offering of hospitality to others,

**\*Call to Worship** (continued)  
**we come together as one.**  
With the Holy One,  
**we come together as one to worship.**

**\*Hymn** God, We Praise You for the Morning VU #415

**Prayer of Approach**

**Holy one, as we gather for worship this day, may we become united in your love. May we seek wholeness in your Spirit. May we find peace in your presence. May we absorb the kindness found in our neighbours. May we come ready.**

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

**Responsive Reading** - Psalm 119:105-112 Part 5 VU #841  
*Your word is a lamp for my feet*

**\*Hymn** This is God's Wondrous World VU #296

**All God's Children**

*Children may retire to Sunday School*

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

**\* Presentation of Offering** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154 vs 1

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God, may we recognize all the gifts we've been given. May the gifts we freely offer be without expectation for anything in return. May you bless the work of these gifts this day and in the days ahead. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

### Sacred Scripture

**Genesis 25:19-34** *Esau gives up his birthright for Jacob's stew*  
**Matthew 13:1-9,18-23** *The parable of the Sower and the seed*

### Anthem

### Sermon

### Reflective Music

#### Responding to the Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

- \*Hymn                      We Plough the Fields                      VU #520
- \*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Benediction      Go, Make a Diff'rence                      MV #209 (Chorus)

### Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able

**Ministers**                      All of us  
**Clergy**                              **Rev Greg Davis**  
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    9 am – 12 pm  
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## Church Office

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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.

### 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.

**Church Roof Fundraiser** – A huge thank you goes out to all who've contributed over \$15,000 towards our \$18,000 fundraising goal!!

**Rosewood Service** will be held this Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UC men will assist Greg in leading the service.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** – *"Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of Love, Laughter and a Lifetime Together."*

The family of Melvin & Debbie Ling invite you to an outdoor gathering on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1549 New Glasgow Rd-Rte 224, Wheatley River, beginning at 7 pm. *Best Wishes Only!*

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</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.

**FündScrip**

**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).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 activity.

**Camp Abby** – To register, visit their website at [www.campabqweit.ca](http://www.campabqweit.ca) and click on “Register Today”. Brochures are available on the table in the foyer. A copy of their list of most needed items is posted on the bulletin board by the office.

Camp Abby requests your assistance to help with the financial costs to send students to camp. Requests have doubled from what they were for all of last year. Their philosophy is that every child has the opportunity to come to camp and that they will help in any way that they can. If you are able to donate to this part of their camping ministry, it would be greatly appreciated. Money can be sent to: Sharon Howatt, 1491 Waterview Road-Rte 120, Summerside, PE C1N 4J8.

**Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Sandra and Ricky Jones and guest fiddler Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Park Royal Church Ice Cream/Strawberry Social** on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6 – 8 pm. Adults: \$10; Children 12 and under: \$6. Tickets are available at the church office (902-894-9656) or at the door.

**GENTLE JESUS. . .**

Let me take nothing for granted, Lord,  
especially the small and simple things—  
the pure and lovely, but often inconspicuous things.  
Help me to see the splendor in a patch of wildflowers,  
sense the mystery of a fog-curtained river at dawn,  
admire the grace of a country lane,  
and celebrate the glory of a rainbow.  
Grant me a glimpse of your infinite care  
in the pattern of an oak leaf,  
a bee on a blossom, a mother bird,  
a friend’s smile.

Quiet my heart, Lord;  
make me keenly aware  
of the blessings of beauty all around me  
and continually grateful for the confirmation  
of your love in all of life.

*By: B.J. Hoff*

*He will quiet you with his love. Zephaniah 3:17*