

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

April 28, 2024 – 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Covenant Between Congregation and
Newly Elected Elders**



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.

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome in the name of the Christ.

Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.

Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

It is good to be here.

It is indeed good to be together.

Announcements

Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying VU #400 x 2

*Call to Worship

We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.

Let us open our hearts to receive Christ's abundant love.

Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.

Let us seek to produce much fruit in God's Garden where all are welcome.

Come, let us worship the Master Gardener, Creator of all that

***Call to Worship** (continued)
was, is and forever will be.
Amen.

***Hymn** Now the Green Blade Rises VU #186

Opening Prayer

Living God, we embrace your presence in our lives. Help us to grow stronger together in your garden of love. Plant us together in your peace. Root us together in your hope. Transform us together by your equal justice for all. In your loving presence, we pray.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 22:25-31 *Parts 3 & 4* VU #746

***Hymn** Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 vs 1-3

All God's Children

Hymn Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 vs 4 & 5
Children may retire to Sunday School

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

Cultivating God, in your generosity we receive new blessings with each passing day.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

You offer us light from the sun, moon and stars to guide, nurture and lovingly shine upon all creation.

Great is your faithfulness, O God.

Your loving generosity is more than we could ever hope for and beyond imagination.

Great is your faithful abundance, O God.

Let us give our offerings with a heart of gratitude for God's Garden of blessings and love. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering** Grant Us, God, the Grace VU #540

* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Compassionate God may these gifts be blessed by your light that cultivates love for all creation. As our gardener, O God, sprinkle water on our dry branches of despair to bring us hope. Shine your light of peace on our weariness to bring us justice for all. With Christ as our vine, save us from all that seek to bring us harm. May these fruitful gifts be a blessing in your garden of love. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Congregational Covenant with Elders

Please refer to Accompanying Pamphlet

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Hymn** How Great Thou Art VU #238

*Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** Go Now in Peace VU #964

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Bulletins: Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Sheldon Moore. Lovingly remembered by Lois, Brian, Janet, Fred, Alyssa & Kaylee.

Ministers All of us
Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
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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. If you are looking for a church home, we would like to invite you to consider us your spiritual family. All are welcome in this place.



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.

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.

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.

FundScrip – Janet will be placing an order today. The next order date is Sunday, May 12th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. April's promotion is Sobeys/Lawton's 5%.

Sealed Tenders for Grass Cutting – Central Queens United Church Grounds are now being accepted. Please drop off tenders to the church office or in the church's mailbox (side door). Cut off date is Thursday, May 9th. If you require more information, please contact Melvin Ling at 902-964-2882.

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.

Sealed Tenders for Grass Cutting-Central Queens United Church Cemetery (Hunter River & Greenvale cemeteries) are now being accepted. Please drop off tender to Central Queens United Church mailbox (side door). Cut off date is this Saturday, May 4th. Any questions, please contact Lois at 902-621-0669.

Y@R is a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between grade 6 and 12, meet. It will be taking place this year from May 31-June 2, 2024. To register, please follow this link: <https://ucceast.ca/82679-fsldw-youthregion>. for more info, please email Catherine Stuart, Regional Minister for Children, Youth and Young Adults at cstuart@united-church.ca, or Lisa Folkins, Director, at lisa.folkins@gmail.com.

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

Puzzle/Book Exchange – Be sure to check out the wide variety of books and puzzles available in the main hall. Help yourself to a puzzle and/or book or bring some of your own to share!!

Pop Can Pull Tabs – The funds from your pull tabs go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in hospital. Your pull tabs can be dropped off at the church. Thank you.

Sunday School has resumed. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Greg at 902-964-2291 or by email at minister@cquc.ca. Help us to continue this ministry for our children.

Bulletin Deadline—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday** evening. Bulletin items can be emailed to office@cquc.ca.

Community News

Roast Beef Dinner at Winsloe United Church this Saturday, May 4th, at 5 pm. sharp. Take-outs available at 4:40 pm. sharp. Tickets are \$30 each, children under six - no charge. For tickets call 902-218-7514, 902-330-1581 or 902-368-1233. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, April 30th.

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Verdi's REQUIEM – Majestic choral drama from the great opera composer this afternoon, April 28th, at 2:30 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church, downtown Charlottetown. 60 voices of the Island Choral Society and Luminos Ensemble, with the Luminos Chamber Orchestra, and soloists Georgia Edwards, Hannah O'Donnell, Justin Simard, and Brodie MacRae. A once-in-a-generation performance of one of the greatest works in the choral repertoire. Admission: \$25 online at IslandChoralSociety.ca and at the door. Information: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778

Trinity United Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner!! Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 11th, with pick up from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Sydney Street door at Trinity United Church, 220 Richmond St., Charlottetown. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip, carrots, peas, Yorkshire pudding and lemon cake with cream cheese icing for dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance. Please stop by in person or call the church office 902-892-4114 or email trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com to inquire.

Hunter-Clyde Run for the River – 5 km Walk/Run on Saturday, May 18th, at the Kent G. Ellis Park, Hunter River. Race starts at 10:30 am. Cost: \$20/person. BBQ, live music and lawn games to follow. Register in person or at <https://forms.gle/rNDinTTXo737xwSh9>. First 20 people registered will receive a free t-shirt!

They are also looking to borrow a BBQ for the community BBQ following the Run and a volunteer first-aider. This volunteer should have a high level of first aid (ei: paramedic, volunteer firefighter, registered nurse, first responder training, or an equivalent level of first aid).

Maritime Christian College - Kt Norris Lectures 2024 – Convincing the World the News is Good from May 7 – 9 at Sherwood Christian Church, 9 Lilac Ave, Charlottetown. Speaker: Matt Dabbs, Church Planter, Auburn, AL. Morning Sessions: 9:30 am - 12 pm. Evening Sessions: 7:30 – 9 pm. No registration required. Free will offering. For more information, visit <https://www.mccpei.com/kt-norris-lectures>.