

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 18, 2024 – 10:30 am

Thirteenth 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 Together

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

We welcome You, Spirit of God, You who seek our company and choose to make Yourself known to us.

We are grateful for Your many blessings, including bringing us together at this time, in this place.

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit To God Be the Glory

*Call to Worship

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on me; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn I, the Lord of Sea and Sky VU #509

Prayer of Approach

One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.

Who is it that you seek?

We seek the Lord our God.

Do you seek Him with all your heart?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your soul?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your mind?

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Do you seek Him with all your strength?

Amen. Christ, have mercy.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

Responsive Reading – Psalm 4

VU #727

Hymn If I Were a Butterfly

All God's Children *Telling Tales*

Call to Transformation and New Life

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; He welcomes sinners and invites them to His table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in Your will. And walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Invitation

*Offertory Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow VU #541

*Presentation of Offering

*Offering Prayer

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's name. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Scripture

**2 Samuel 6:12-16, 20-22a
John 2:6-10**

Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Sermon

Expression of Faith

**Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always given strength for the coming
day; and though I am weak,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials; and now,
tried as I am,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming
day; and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.**

**Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe; and
though You be silent now,
today I believe.**

Reflective Music

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

... as I light the seventh candle, we say,

We remember that peace-making must begin inside ourselves and light this candle that we too may find peace and live from its inner springs.

May we find peace and live from its inner springs.

*Hymn Blessed Assurance VU # 337

*Benediction

Join with me as we say

May the Light of God illumine the heart of my soul.

May the flame of Christ kindle me to love.

May the fire of the Spirit free us to live this day, this night and forever.

*Blessing

*Choral Benediction What a Friend We Have in Jesus VU #664

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. 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.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank David Butterworth for leading our worship service this morning. Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, August 25th.

Life and Work of Our Church

Vacation – Greg and Ellen will be away until September 3rd. For emergencies, please contact Bernie Dykerman at 902-626-6869.

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. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The next order date is Sunday, September 1st.

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.

Central Queens Dinner Theatre on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. For tickets (\$35), please call Lois at 902-621-0669. Tickets are going fast!!

Team Nights

Thursday, September 12th – Team 1

Friday, September 13th – Team 2

Saturday, September 14th – Team 3

Set Up and Take Down – Team 4

Camp Abby is need of some mason jars for the Arts and Crafts program. They are also in need of a refrigerator for the staff. If you have any jars or a refrigerator you would be willing to donate or sell at a good price, please contact Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or 902-432-9193.

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.

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

St. John’s Anglican Church Annual Blueberry Social this Tuesday, August 20th, from 5 - 6:30 pm at Milton Community Hall. Adults: \$12; Children under 12: \$6. Enjoy a buffet of sandwiches and delicious desserts.

Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert on Sunday, August 25th, at 7 pm. Featuring Dino and the Harmonies with special guest Steven Perry. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.