

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

February 11, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

Communion

Central Queens Mission Statement

Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating the 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

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

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)

Bible Presentation

***Introit** "Will You Come and Follow Me" VU #567 v. 1

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

God speaks to us and summons us.

God gathers us in covenant,

God's glory shines forth.

Let us worship God!

***Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" VU #232

Prayer of Approach

Inviting God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways. We move in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 50:1-6 VU #775

***Hymn** "Praise Our Maker" VU #316 vv. 1, 2

All God's Children

Hymn "Praise Our Maker"

VU #316 v. 3

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Powerful God, you call us to live righteously, but we often stray into unjust, ignorant, or disdainful ways. Your creation reflects your beauty, yet we often mistreat and damage it. Help us to confront reality, to see our actions clearly, and to be renewed by your Spirit. May we be open to a profound transformation. Amen.

Words of Grace

God's glory shines forth, God love and mercy is beyond our comprehension. God gives us renewed life and our spirits rise.
Alleluia! Amen!

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

God's gifts to creation and to us are abundant and ever-new. Entrusted with creation's care and with care for one another, we share our gifts out of our own abundance. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

Offertory

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory** “We Will Take What You Offer”

MV #196

***Offertory Prayer**

Giving God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Sacred Scripture

Mark 9:2–9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together”

VU #480

Responding to the Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Dialogue

May God be with you
And also with you.

Lift your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.
We freely give God thanks and praise.

Preface

It is right and meet, beautiful and holy
that we should, in ceaseless joy
Give our thanks and praise to you,
Holy and merciful God,
Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise
with the church that is, was, and shall be forever,
we glorify you, joining this unending song:

Sanctus (Sung)

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy are you, Eternal One.
You sit above, though, within the circle of the earth
Setting light into being
Casting the stars in the sky
Founding the evolving earth
And all that dwell within it.

Limitless is your power,
and great is your wisdom.
You look upon the lowly
as your most cherished creatures.
You visit upon the downtrodden
with presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice.

You sent to us your own child, Jesus,
who reached into unexpected places,
calling women beyond the limits of their times
equipping men for nurturing love
welcoming children into your holy embrace.

And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion,
the light of the world took bread, broke and gave it to the
disciples, saying:

Bread is broken

“This is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And, in like manner, after supper,
Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks give it to them saying,

Wine is poured

“This is the cup of the new covenant
poured out for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink of it,
for the remembrance of me.”

Life’s greatest feast before us,
we excitedly proclaim:

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.

Dear God, you transform.
You transform all that is before you
so that at the touch of your grace
we are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
Hold us as your own**

**Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honour and glory are yours, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
in your glorious creation
both now and forever.

Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Come, for all is ready. All are welcome at this, our Lord's table.

Post-Communion Prayer

**We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.
We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.**

**May we bask in this glow
now and forevermore. Amen.**

***Hymn** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

VU #468

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

See the **light is now changed**. It has taken on a different form.
But it is still here! It's absorbed in you. It clings to you.
Go cradle and share the **Light**. **Share** it to others as we go about
your daily living. **Go and live in the light**, Carriers of the light.

***Benediction**

May you go renewed in spirit,
may you go, rising to new life,
may you bear the symbol of God's compassion,
and blessing of peace upon you,
now and forever.
Amen!

***Choral Benediction** “Halle, Halle, Halle”

VU #958

Postlude

***Please stand as you are able.**