

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 21, 2024 – 10:30 am

Ninth 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.

The Community Gathers

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 I Can Feel You Near Me God MV #48 vs 1

*Call to Worship

Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, family and friends,
Jesus makes us one.

Young and old, liberal and conservative, gay and straight,
Jesus makes us one.

Soldier and pacifist, secular and religious, sinner and saint,
Jesus makes us one.

Let us worship God who calls us into unity.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn Your Love Is Amazing MV #26

Prayer of Approach

Gracious and loving God, we bring to you our prayers this day. There is conflict all around us - in the church, in communities, in the world. Yet we know that in the midst of all this we find your spirit, turning sadness into compassion, mistrust into relationship and confusion into hope. Guide us as we celebrate our unity this day and give voice to all our joys and concerns. We pray in Christ's name.

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

Responsive Reading – Psalm 23 VU #749

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, we confess that our lives keep us consumed more with doing than with being. We trust in the chariots and horses of our times—our tools, our schemes, our positions. We acknowledge that you call us to rest in your truth, your love and your peace without abdicating our responsibility to embody your good news in the world. We struggle to balance the rhythms of rest and renewal in our lives and seek your guidance and direction toward a life where you are our peace, our hope, and our standard. Guide us on this path, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Sung Response Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See VU #371

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Offertory** Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV #115

***Presentation of Offering**

***Offering Prayer**

God of goodness and growth, receive our gifts and gratitude for all you provide. Bless our gifts so that they may accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Word

**Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

Anthem

Sermon

Responding to God's Word

Sacrament of Holy Communion

An Invitation to Communion

Hymn All Who Hunger VU #460

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love, you are beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit; Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love, you are creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights when the powers of death have done their worst, your love has never deserted us. Even when we turn away from you, you are with us; your presence never fails us, your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ, risen to life, eternal as your love. With the women at the tomb, we raise the strain of gladness. Hallelujah! Life is stronger than death! The day of resurrection has come, scattering fear and gloom. And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sung Response Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus and Benedictus) MV #203

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved, living what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said and what he did.

On the night before Jesus died, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat, whenever you do this,

remember me.” After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, “This is the new covenant, remember me.”

We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Sung Response Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus and Benedictus) MV #206

Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the Sower. So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see your goodness.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Sung Response Great Amen MV #205

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ,
the bread of life.
The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.
The gifts of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Meal

Prayer after Communion

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love. We are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn** Sent Forth by God’s Blessing VU #481

***Changing of the Light**

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** Choral Amen

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Ministers All of us
Clergy **Rev Greg Davis**
Office Hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
Office Phone 902-964-2291
Email minister@cquc.ca
Ministry of Music **Kirk Neville**
Website <https://cquc.ca/index.htm>
Phone 902-786-9222
Email nevillejk@hotmail.com

Church Office

Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday
9 am – 12 pm
Phone 902-964-2221
Email office@cquc.ca

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.

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, August 4th.

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.

Service of Dedication – Next Sunday, July 28th, at 7 pm we will be having a Service of Dedication for the quilt which is hanging up in the Main Foyer. This quilt was created in 1930 by the great grandmother of Helen MacEwen, Mary Ann Smith-Carew. All are welcome.

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.

Yard Sale – Central Queens United Church will be the site of our giant indoor yard sale on Saturday, August 10th, from 8 am - noon. This church fundraiser features a large variety of items including plants, houseware, seasonal decorations, clothing, jewelry, books, children's articles, hardware, etc. Treasures at reasonable prices for everyone to discover. Come early for the best selection!

Anyone who would like to donate items may drop them off during office hours. Please place them in the first classroom.

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.

The Friar's Briar, a national curling bonspiel for clergy (ecumenical) and church employees is being hosted in Summerside in February 2025. This is the first time the bonspiel has been played farther east than Ontario. If you would be interested in helping to organize this event, please contact Andrew Richardson (revdoc@live.ca) as soon as possible. Also, if you are clergy or a church employee and want to put a team together, let Andrew know.

Office Church Directory – In an effort to keep contact information as up to date as possible, please give Trudy any changes to your contact information. If you would like to be added to our directory, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221. Thank you.

Save the Date – **Central Queens Dinner Theatre** on September 12th, 13th & 14th at 7 pm. Theme is “George, Tammy and Friends”. If you would like to put your name on the list, please call Lois at 902-621-0669.

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.

Community News

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.

THE GLORY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (A Holy Communion Poem)

Inspiration: Matthew 26:26-27

We have partaken of the Lord's Supper many times;
Wherein is the Glory? Or have we been terribly blind?
The Glory lies in the very invitation from the Lord;
How blessed to be able to draw near to our God!

The Glory lies in the words that Jesus uttered;
His teachings are so deep. Have they mattered?
Imagine simple bread representing His holy Body;
To partake of the bread is surely to taste Glory.

The Glory lies in the cup that Jesus blesses;
Have we understood? We stand in His righteousness!
How wonderful to be cleansed from deepest sin;
There is Glory to be experienced deep within.

The Glory of the Lord's Supper lies in our Communion;
Through faith in the Lord Jesus we have true union.
We are reconciled with the Lord and we are fully restored;
There is no wall between us but instead there is one accord.

By: Charles Tan