

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
May 5, 2024 – 10:30 am**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** This is the Day That God Has Made VU #175

***Call to Worship**

Listen to the world, sing God's praises!

The sound of children laughing, the feel of a gentle breeze, the taste of a home cooked meal, the fresh smell of morning.

God's steadfast love is everywhere around us.

In friendship restored, in reconciled relations, in love refreshed.

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That God's presence might be known through us in all the earth.

In this moment, in this time of worship, may God's presence be boldly felt! Come then, with open arms and hearts, let us worship our God.

***Hymn** Crown Him with Many Crowns VU #211

Prayer of Approach

Creating Spirit, we join with the chorus of all of creation to celebrate your wonderous deeds. Fill us with your joy and train our ears for harmony, so that we may contribute to the world you are already creating. All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who revealed what is possible through love.

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

***Hymn** Come to My Heart VU #661 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Come to My Heart VU #661 vs 3

Children may retire to Sunday School

Listening for God's Word

Sacred Word

Acts 10:44-48

Responsive Reading – Psalm 98 VU #818

John 15:9-17

Anthem *Here We Stand Lord*

Sermon

Responding to God's Word

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands VU #537

***Presentation of Offering**

Offertory Prayer

In deep gratitude for life and for all the blessings that come from you, we offer back to you some measure of

what we have been given. Accept our offerings and use them and use us for the building up of your reign in this world. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

God of our lives and our loving, we thank you for the signs of resurrection that are all around us, showing that life is stronger than death. Give us the grace to recognize and embrace the gifts of new life that your love makes possible for us all, as we pray for your resurrecting power to renew the world amid all its challenges.

God of home and family, today we thank you for our families, especially for our mothers and grandmothers. We are grateful for their love and attention, their hard work, and the deep hope they have cherished for each one of us. We honour before you each mother, grandmother and great grandmother who has died; and we pray for all those who have felt isolated from their families in these months of pandemic. Reunite us in your love.

God of connections and compassion, today we thank you for our friends and relations, for the neighbours and fellow citizens who help to make our lives complete. We thank you for smiles shared, helping hands offered, commitments honoured. And we pray for all those around us who are facing particular challenges this day...

Restore our hope with your love.

God of courage and new possibility, today we pray for all those who have felt life or love slipping through their fingers in the times of distancing we've had to endure, and for those who have struggled with their physical or mental health, whatever the reason. We pray for communities trying to sort out how to recover from the pandemic and for all those worried about their personal future.

Encourage us with your love.

God of forgiveness and renewal: today we pray for those whose relationships are need of healing and for all who work for peace

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (continued)

and reconciliation in the face of deep divisions. We pray for families, churches, communities, and countries facing conflict, and ask that your Spirit open hearts and minds to deeper understanding.

Reconcile us through your love.

***Hymn** Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

***Blessing**

You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. I have said these things to you so that my job may be in you and that your job may be complete. Go and be that love in the world!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Choral Benediction**

Go in Love

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

Bulletins: Today's bulletin is placed in memory Charles Wagner. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Today's bulletins are also placed in memory of Robert Rackham. Remembered by Central Queens Musical Friends.

Thank You – The congregation of Central Queens United Church would like to thank Kirk Neville for leading our worship service this morning.

Sympathies are extended to Vernon White & family and to Roland & Cindy Easter on the death of Joyce White.

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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 – 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.

Graduates – We are in the process of gathering names of individuals who will be graduating this year. If you know of anyone graduating from high school, university or college, please submit their name to the church office (office@cquc.ca or 902-964-2221) or Greg (minister@cquc.ca or 902-964-2291) so that we can recognize their accomplishments.

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.

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.

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

Rosewood Service will be held on Thursday, May 16th, at 6:30 pm. The Choir will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

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.

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.

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.

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 Ceilidh this afternoon, May 5th, at 2 pm. Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guest Lester MacPherson, Drummer Billy Matthews, and the Winsloe United House Band. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

Trinity United Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner this 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. 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.

The 2024 Island Pregnancy Centre **Baby Bottle Campaign** is about to begin! It will run from Mother's Day, May 12th, to Father's Day, June 16th. Their centres continue to see a large increase in new clients and a huge need for direct support such as baby supplies, gift cards, and counselling services. In 2023, there were 205 new clients and 132 babies born! In 2024, they continue to welcome many new clients through their doors. Financial donations for this year's Baby Bottle Campaign are essential for them to keep up with the needs of their clients and families in 2024. Donations can be made online through Canada Helps, by e-transfer to charlottetown@islandpregnancycentre.com or may be dropped off in person or mailed to: Island Pregnancy Centre, 220 University Ave, Ch'town PE C1A 4L5.

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 to 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>.

Mission & Service – When we hear of a global emergency, our minds often jump to “How can we help?” Your gifts to Mission and Service enable partners to immediately get to work providing crucial basic needs: food, water, shelter, and medication. But after the initial response, and after headlines fade away, the emergency

and urgency remain.

After the immediate shock lessens, people living in the wake of a disaster can have difficulty imagining what life will look like down the road. In these times, hope is essential. By giving us the motivation to keep moving forward, hope is a powerful force that inspires us to keep going.

Mission and Service partner the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) continues to be hard at work providing hope. People in Syria are still experiencing the devastating aftermath of the February 2023 earthquakes.

From retrofitting buildings and providing medical equipment to education and trauma healing, MECC is dedicated to sustainable relief.

In Aleppo, MECC rehabilitated four schools before the academic year launched in September 2023, providing children with a safe place to learn.

Thank you for supporting the work of our Mission and Service partners. Your generosity is a beacon of hope during challenging times.

A PATTERN FOR LIVING

“Love one another as I have Loved you”

May seem impossible to do,

But if you will try to trust and believe,

Great are the joys that you will receive.

For love makes us patient, understanding, and kind,

As we judge with our hearts and not with our minds.

For as soon as love entered the heart’s open door,

The faults we once saw are not there anymore,

And the things that seem wrong begin to look right

When viewed in the softness of love’s gentle light,

For love works in ways that are wondrous and strange,

And there is nothing in life that love cannot change,

And all that God promised will someday come true

When you have loved one another

the way He loved you.

By: Helen Steiner Rice