

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

October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m.

23rd 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 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 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** “Come All You People”

MV #2

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord in every time and place.
We will tell of God’s goodness each day.

Boast only in the Lord.
We will praise God’s wonderful deeds.

Spread the news of God’s greatness.
We will give God glory everywhere we go.
So let us worship God together here and now, now and always!

***Hymn** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

VU #400

Prayer of Approach

**Caring God, Loving God,
we gather as your people,
shaped by the faithfulness of those who went before us
and taught us the ways of Jesus.
In Christ, you call us together to praise and worship.
With the kindness of your Spirit,
feed the roots of our faith,
and renew our vision for the church in this generation.
Fill us with courage and confidence to reach out to others**

sharing kindness, mercy and grace, as you did.

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.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 34:1–8, (19–22)

VU #761–762

***Hymn** “Jesus, Friend of Little Children”

VU #340 vv. 1, 2

All God's Children

Hymn “Jesus, Friend of Little Children”

VU #340 v. 3

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering**

*** Offertory** “What Can I Do?”

MV #191

***Offertory Prayer**

Good and gracious God, we bring our offering in gratitude for all that makes our lives good, even in uncertain times. Bless these gifts with your Spirit and use them through the ministry and mission of our Church to touch lives in need of your goodness, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

O God, as we hear your Word read and interpreted today,
touch us with its healing power,
so that we are able to follow Jesus in the way of love. Amen.

Sacred Scripture

Job 42:1–6, 10–17

Then Job answered the LORD:

‘I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
“Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.”
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.’

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Mark 10:46–52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his

cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Anthem

Sermon

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Just and merciful God,
we turn to you in hope and gratitude.
When the world around us seems troubling,
we are grateful for your steadfast love.
Thank you for your Spirit at work in all times and places,
calling out the best in your people.
We seek your justice and know your mercy day by day.

We pray for justice for the earth:
Protect those creatures and communities at risk,
from the effects of dramatic disasters and incremental changes in
the climate.

Open our eyes to see how we can live more responsibly
and change our hearts to know we must.

Silence

We pray for justice among the nations:
Create more generous sharing of resources

between countries with good harvests and those depleted by famine.

Where resources are extracted for export,
protect brave advocates for fair wages and environmental protection.

And where there is aggression and intimidation between nations,
raise up the willingness to make peace and settle differences fairly.

Silence

We pray for justice in our court systems:

Guide those who judge, prosecute or defend to serve with integrity,
that those who are accused may receive fair trials,
and that those who have been wronged are restored to fullness of life.

Grant those who are convicted, humane treatment
so that your Spirit may lead them to rehabilitated potential.

Silence

We pray for justice in the work place:

May those who work for others be treated with dignity and earn a fair living wage.

May all who create that work earn a fair return.

Create equity and respect between those of different backgrounds and identities

and guide young people to opportunities to develop their gifts.

Silence

God, we all need some kinds of healing in our lives:

We remember before you those struggling with illness of body,
mind or spirit,

those waiting for diagnosis or treatment,

and all whose health challenges are invisible to others.

Silence

Your Spirit prays within us, O God,
even when we cannot find the right words.
So hear us this day and answer in ways that encourage our faith
and change the world for the good.

Today we hold up our Island Church and ministries.

Rev. Robert McCarthy, and the congregation Kensington United Church, **Student Candidate Ellen Locke** and the congregations in Margate Pastoral Charge including Southwest River United and Princetown United, **Rev. Catherine Dickson** and the congregations of Kings United Pastoral Charge in Bay Fortune, and Dundas United, **Clergy supply** at Memorial United in Murray River, **Student Candidate Timothy Wisnicki** and the congregations of Hillcrest United and Sturgeon in Montague area.

***Hymn** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

VU #375

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**

And may the God who made you,
the Christ who mends you,
and the Spirit who brings you life

bless and keep you now and always. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** “You Shall Go Out with Joy”

VU #884

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.