

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 13, 2025 – 10:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion Sunday

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

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 the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

Bible Presentation *(Placed during the Introit)*

*Introit Come All You People MV #2

*Call to Worship

Come, weary of headlines, aching with grief, hearts heavy from the weight of the world.

We come to this table, not to escape, but to remember what is most real.

Though the sword still gleams and the sirens still wail, the prophets speak of another way.

They call us to the mountain of the Lord, where swords become ploughshares and children learn peace instead of fear.

Here, bread is broken not in violence, but in love. Here, the cup overflows not with vengeance, but with grace.

**We gather not as strangers or spectators, but as
Sowers of hope, kneeling beside the wounded earth.**

So come—not because you are certain, but because you long.

Not because you are worthy, but because you are welcome.

**Come, for the soil still waits. Come, for Christ still calls.
Come, and let us worship God.**

*Hymn We Gather Here VU #469

Prayer of Approach

**Holy One, in a world trembling with violence and fear,
we turn to you—not for escape, but for courage. Draw
near to us as we draw near to your table. Open our
hearts to your truth, our hands to your peace, and our
lives to your holy work. Plant in us the seeds of justice
and mercy, that we might become vessels of your hope.**

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

Lord's Prayer *(Sung)* VU #960

Responsive Reading – Psalm 85 VU #802

*Hymn All Who Hunger VU #460

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

We confess that too often we are weary—too tired to hope,
too afraid to act, too silent in the face of injustice.

We confess the ways we carry fear like armor, and hold grudges like weapons, forgetting that your call is to tenderness, to mercy, to love that breaks the cycle of violence.

Forgive us, God of Mercy. Plant in us the seeds of justice and mercy, that we might become vessels of your hope.

As we come to this table, may your Spirit transform us—
turning weariness into strength, fear into courage,
and silence into songs of justice.

Renew us here, at the heart of new life, that we may rise with the courage to love boldly, to sow peace where there is conflict, and to live as your agents of healing in the world. Amen.

Silence

Friends, hear this good news that:

In Christ, we are embraced—freed to live in hope, called to walk in peace, and sent to love without fear. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn Halle, Halle, Halle VU #958

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

***Presentation of Offering and Communion Elements**

*** Offertory**

You Nourish Us

VU #545

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, take these gifts—simple and small—and plant them like seeds in the soil of your peace. Use them to mend what is broken, to feed what is hungry, and to build what is just. In your name, and for your dream of a better world, we pray. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-4

Michal 4:1-4

Anthem *"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"* Choir

Prayer

Sermon *When Swords Shatter, the Soil Still Waits*

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together VU #480

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

May the Holy One be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

The Great Thanksgiving (Continued)

Let us give thanks to the Breath of Life.

It is right to offer gratitude and praise.

Blessed are you, Source of all being, who spun stars from silence and shaped the earth from dreaming. Through field and forest, river and rock, you whispered your presence.

When your people wandered far from peace, you called prophets—wild-eyed ones who saw beyond the sword, who dared to speak of ploughshares, of fig trees and freedom, of a time when all might sit unafraid beneath the shade of justice.

And when the world was weary with waiting, you came—not in the roar of power, but in the cry of a child. Jesus of Nazareth, your Word made flesh, walked among us with healing in his hands and welcome in his eyes.

He fed the hungry, lifted the lowly, and taught us the rhythm of grace. And so we sing together...

Holy, holy, holy God,
Power of life and love,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in your name,
Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation *(Sung)*

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

Pour out your Spirit, O God—not just upon bread and cup, but upon us: your scattered people gathered now in courage.

Prayer of Consecration (Continued)

Let this meal be more than memory. Let it be nourishment for the long road to peace.

May it awaken in us a hunger for justice, a thirst for tenderness, and a holy restlessness to mend what must be mended.

In Christ, with Christ, through Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we give you praise and thanksgiving, now and always. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of the Cup

.... The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O Holy Mystery, in this meal, you have stirred our souls awake again. You have met us in the breaking, fed us with mercy, and reminded us that peace is possible.

Send us out now—to be the ones who sow in ruined fields, who speak gently in a violent world, who remember the feel of plough-handles even as we tend the wounded places. For the soil still waits, and your dream still calls. Amen.

***Hymn**

O God of Every Nation

VU #677

***Changing the Light**

***Blessing**

***Choral Benediction** Sent Forth by God's Blessing VU #481 vs 2

Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

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All of us

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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.

Today's Bulletins are placed in memory of Roma MacLeod. Lovingly remembered by Debbie, Melvin & Family.

Today's Bulletins are also placed in memory of Leonard & Ethel Bowman. Lovingly remembered by Austin Bowman.

Thank You to Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this morning. *Congregation of Central Queens United Church*

Communion – Today we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All are welcome.

Please Note: the bread being served today is gluten-free.

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.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, July 20th, are:

Romans 8:18-25

Psalms 46 (VU #770-771)

Isaiah 43:1-3

These are made available to you should you wish to read them during the upcoming week.

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.

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, July 20th. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for July are Cineplex - 5% and Old Navy/ Gap - 9%.

Rosewood Service this Thursday, July 17th, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

Strawberry Social – Central Queens United Church is the location for a Sunday lunch of sandwiches, strawberries and ice cream to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada. We have invited the congregations of Cavendish/Breadalbane and Winsloe United churches to join us in this celebration from 12 - 2 pm. on Sunday, July 27th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, from 8 am until 12 pm. This church fundraiser features a large variety of articles including books, clothing, children's articles, jewelry, seasonal decor, houseware, hardware, preserves, etc. Treasures at reasonable prices for everyone to discover. Come early for best selection. Anyone who would like to donate items for the yard sale are welcome to until setup day, (Thursday, July 31st). Items can be dropped off during office hours.

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.

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.

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 or need to update your info, please contact Trudy at office@cquc.ca or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

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.

Pop Can Pull Tabs – Remember your pull tabs!! George Mason is collection pop can pull tab which are then given to the Daughters of the Nile women's organization. The funds go to the Shriners Hospital in Montreal where they are used to buy reading materials for children in the hospital. Your pop can tab collections can be dropped off here at the church. Thank you.

Community News

Strawberry and Ice Cream Social at Winsloe United Church on Wednesday, July 16th, from 4 – 6:30 pm. Also serving sandwiches. Tickets are \$15/adults, \$8/children 12 and under, and no charge for pre-school aged children. For tickets, call 902-368-1580 or 902-393-8811. No ticket sales at the door.

Birthday Celebration – You are invited to celebrate Gloria Houston's 80th birthday on Wednesday, July 16th, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the PEI Preserve Co. in New Glasgow. Birthday wishes only.

West River United Church annual Strawberry Social on Saturday, July 19th, 4 - 6:30 pm. This includes sandwiches and sweets, strawberries and ice cream. (Gluten free choices are available.) For tickets, please contact the church office at 902-566-4052.

Trinity-Clifton United Church and St. Paul's Anglican Church (both of Charlottetown) invite other Churches to join us in the Pride Parade on Saturday July 26th. The parade starts at 11 am. After the Parade everyone is invited to Trinity for hot dogs and rainbow cupcakes. The BBQ is sponsored by the Outreach & Service Committee of Trinity-Clifton United Church.

Mission and Service - Words That Carry the Spirit

On June 8th, during The United Church's Centennial Celebration at Gower Street United in St. John's, NL, a historic moment unfolded. A newly translated Mohawk Bible was formally dedicated, a powerful act of spiritual continuity and cultural renewal. The Bible stands as a successor to the Union Bible that was prayed over when The United Church of Canada was formed in 1925. Now, nearly a century later, this new translation was lifted in ceremony and celebration, symbolizing a deepening journey of reconciliation.

Language is more than words, it is worldview. It carries the wisdom of ancestors, the heartbeat of community, and the sacred connections between people, land, and Creator. When a language is lost, something immeasurable disappears with it. That's why projects like the Mohawk Bible translation matter so profoundly.

Created through decades of devotion, linguistic skill, and cultural insight by Harvey Satewas Gabriel, with the support of generations of women in the Gabriel family and the communities of Kanesatake and Kahnawake, this translation is both a labour of love and an act of resistance. Collaborators worked with care and humility, in close relationship with the Mohawk Nation, to ensure the translation honoured the depth and specificity of the language.

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Mission and Service (Continued)

Your gifts to Mission and Service help make work like this possible, supporting the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultures, and walking alongside communities in respectful partnership.

Ohiatonhseratokénti: The Holy Bible in Mohawk is available through the UCRD bookstore, ensuring that this living word will continue to inspire and teach for generations to come.

Thank you for your gifts to Mission and Service that are helping keep language and spirit alive.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND PATIENCE

God, teach me to be patient, teach me to go slow.

Teach me how to wait on You
when my way I do not know.

Teach me sweet forbearance,
when things do not go right,

So I remain unruffled when others grow uptight.

Teach me how to quiet my racing, rising heart,
So I might hear the answer You are trying to impart.

Teach me to let go, dear God,

And pray undisturbed until

My heart is filled with inner peace

And I learn to know Your will.

By: Helen Steiner Rice