

Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

Hope – Crafting in a Fractured World

Gathering for Worship

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 20, 2025 – 10:30 am

Sixth 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.

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

The Earth calls us. In the wind that moves through the trees, in the rivers that carry stories from ancient times, in the fire that cleanses and renews.

We gather as one with the Earth, as one with the ancestors who walked before us, as one with the creatures who share this sacred land.

Let us listen to the heartbeat of creation, for we are all

Call to Worship (Continued)

connected—we are the land, the sky, the fire, and the water.

We come with open hearts, ready to walk gently upon this Earth, to listen, to learn, and to honour.

***Hymn** As the Deer Pants for the Water VU #766

Prayer Of Approach

Creator, you who made us from the same soil that holds the roots of the trees, we come before you, humbly and with gratitude. We stand in awe of the lands we walk upon—the mountains, the rivers, the forests, all that is sacred, all that is living. We come with open hearts to feel the pulse of the Earth, to listen to its wisdom and healing.

We are here, standing in the circle of life, with the knowing that all creation is intertwined. Guide our steps, that we may walk in harmony with you, with the land, and with each other.

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

Lord's Prayer (Sung) VU #960

Responsive Reading Psalm 46 VU #770

***Hymn** Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171 vs 1 & 2

All God's Children

Hymn Christ Has No Body Now but Yours MV #171 vs 3 & 4

Presentation of Our Gifts

Invitation to Generosity

The Earth has given us much—the trees, the winds, the waters, the animals. In this sacred relationship, we are called to give back. Let us offer what we can—

Invitation to Generosity (Continued)

Our time, our energy, our love—for the well-being of all. We give not as owners, but as caretaker. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

*Presentation of Offering

***Offertory** What Can I Do? MV #191

*Offertory Prayer

Spirit of the Earth, we offer these gifts to you—not from a place of abundance, but from a place of deep respect for all that you provide. We honor the gifts of the land—the plants, the waters, the fire. Bless these offerings, and may they nourish the Earth, as we too are nourished by its bounty. May our gifts be a reflection of our commitment to walk gently, and to restore balance where it is broken. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Sacred Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-3
Romans 8:18-25

Anthem

Sermon “Where the Forest Once Stood: Hope in a Burning World”

Reflective Music

Responding to the Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We give thanks for the Earth, for the mountains that rise in quiet strength, for the waters that cleanse and renew, for the trees that shelter us, for the animals who walk with us in

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession (Continued)
sacred companionship.

We give thanks to the land, to the Creator who formed it, and to the ancestors who honored it.

We pray for the Earth, that it may heal from the wounds we have inflicted. For the forests, the rivers, the oceans—may they be restored to balance and peace. We pray for the people who suffer, especially those most affected by the changing climate—may they find strength in the Earth's healing energy, and the wisdom of the land.

We give thanks to the land, to the Creator who formed it, and to the ancestors who honored it.

We pray for the wisdom of our Indigenous brothers and sisters, for their teachings, their fire-keeping, their stewardship that has always honored the Earth. May we learn from them, and walk alongside them in harmony.

Silence

**We pray for the renewal of the land, for peace among all beings, and for the courage to act as responsible stewards,
following the sacred path of the Creator. Amen**

***Hymn** I See a New Heaven VU #713

***Changing the Light**

***Blessing**

As you leave this space, carry with you the wisdom of the Earth. May you walk softly upon the land, with reverence in your heart, and the presence of the ancestors in your spirit. May the winds carry your prayers, and may the fire warm you with healing. May the waters cleanse and restore you, and the Earth always hold you in its embrace.

We go in peace, with the knowledge that we are part of the sacred circle, connected to all that is, and all that will be. Amen. Amen.

***Choral Benediction** You Shall Go Out with Joy VU #884

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 loving memory of Ivan & Helena Bowman. Lovingly remembered by the Austin Bowman.

Today's Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Herbert & Annabel Schnurr. Married July 22, 1950. Lovingly remembered by daughter Mo Prouse and family.

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

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 27th, are:

Luke 10:25-37

Psalm 82 (VU #799)

1 John 4:16-21

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 – 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 promotions for July are: Cineplex - 5% and Old Navy/ Gap - 9%. The next order date is Sunday, August 3rd.

Strawberry Social – Join us for a Strawberry Social next Sunday, July 27th, after the worship service, from 12 – 2 pm, for a 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. You are invited to bring a guest(s). Freewill offering accepted. We look forward to seeing you then.

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 sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Cost is \$20.00.

Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, August 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Puzzles/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!! If you happen to find any missing pieces of puzzles at home, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'.

Community News

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.

Hillcrest Family & Friends Concert – You are cordially invited to attend the annual Hillcrest Family & Friends concert (Hillcrest United Church, 50 Wood Islands Hill, Montague) on Sunday, July 27th, at 7 pm featuring a variety of musical guests from Hillcrest and beyond. Performed by the young and young-at-heart. Lively and calm music to sooth and excite you! Donations at the door and yummy treats afterwards! All are welcome. (Elevator and air conditioning available.) For more information, call/text Anne at 902-838-2681.

Winsloe United Church Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies on Sunday, August 10th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm. The church is air-conditioned.

