

Gathering for Worship

**CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH**

**May 25, 2025 – 10:30 am**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Covenanting with Newly Elected Elders**



**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**

Come, God of Wonder—soften our hearts, and stir our imaginations.

**We long to see as you see, to feel the world with holy attention.**

You move through us in quiet ways, nudging us to mend what is torn.

**With your help, we will begin again—to weave healing into our community.**

**\*Call to Worship** (Continued)

The signs are all around us—not empty pictures, but sacred echoes of truth.

**Teach us to read them with care, to listen beneath the noise of the world.**

You gave us imagination not as an escape, but as a doorway to deeper seeing.

**Help us look again—and find, even here, the seeds of a new world.**

**\*Hymn**                      The Church's One Foundation                      VU #331

**Prayer Of Approach**

**Liberating God, you meet us in the symbols and stories that stretch across time. You awaken our imagination, not for escape, but for deep seeing—for shaping what is broken into something whole.**

**In this sacred gathering, we come to listen for your truth,  
to rest in your presence, and to be reshaped by your Spirit.**

**Today, we also give thanks for those called to serve as Elders—faithful guides who will enter covenant with this congregation. May their “yes” be wrapped in wisdom, and may our shared promise be rooted in trust, for the sake of your healing work among us.**

**As we begin this time together, steady our hearts, open our hands, and ready us to be changed.**

**In the name of the One who walks always beside us.**

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

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 67**                      VU #786

**\*Hymn**                      Kumbaya, My Lord                      ACS #76 vs 1-3

**All God's Children**

**Hymn**                      Kumbaya, My Lord                      ACS #76 vs 4

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory**                      We Give Our Thanks                      MV #187 vs 1

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Still Speaking God, we are witnesses to the eternal presence of Jesus—from ancient times to now, faithfully encountering grace that renews, that stirs, that breathes life into us.**

**Bless these offerings, that through them, others may witness the ways we live into your word, so that our communities may be refreshed and restored with the living power of your love. Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Sacred Scripture**

Acts 16:9-15  
Luke 22:24-27

**Anthem**

**Sermon**                      *“I am among you as one who serves”*

**Reflective Music**

## Responding to the Word

### Giving Thanks and Appreciation for the Retiring Elders

### Covenanting with Newly Elected Elders

#### Scripture

#### Statement of Purpose

#### Covenant Questions and Promises

##### *Elders Stand*

As a disciple of Jesus the Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities as an Elder in this congregation with integrity and joy?

**I will, God being my helper.**

##### *Congregation Stands*

Will you, the members of Central Queens United Church, honour the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support and personal example,

so that, together, we may be a faithful Church of Jesus the Christ?

**We will, God being our helper**

#### Prayer

**Loving God, you have called these people to serve you. Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all that we may keep the promises we have made today. Help them to fulfill their responsibilities. May their leadership help us all to reflect your love and grace always. Amen**

#### Declaration

In the name of God: Creator, Christ and Spirit, we recognize and affirm you in your ministry as Elders of Central Queens United Church.

**Amen.**

## \*Changing the Light

### \*Benediction

### \*Blessing

May the light of the Holy One guide your path, and the wind of the Spirit fill your heart with peace. May the earth beneath you steady your steps and may the blessings of the Divine surround you always.

**Amen.**

### \*Choral Benediction

Peace Be with You

MV #215

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

#### Ministers

All of us

#### Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

#### Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9 am – 12 pm

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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.

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**Today's Bulletins** are placed in loving memory of Coltin Daniel Leveillee. Lovingly remembers by Kim Rodd, Harvey & Suzanne Silliphant and Nancy Richard.

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

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### 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](mailto:minister@cquc.ca) for an appointment.

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, are:

Acts 16:16-34 *Paul and Silas are freed from prison.*

Psalms 97 (VU #817) *God reigns; let the earth be glad.*

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 *I am coming soon.*

John 17:20-26 *Jesus prays that they all may be one.*

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](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers accepted. The promotions for May are Winners/Homesense 8%, Boston Pizza 8%, American Eagle 8% and Shell 3%. The next order date is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp Abby Weekend** – Join us at Camp Abby for the weekend from Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be **no** church service on Sunday morning, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at the **church**. Sunday morning service will be held at Camp Abby. If you are able to donate some food or money, it will help to defer some of the costs associated with the weekend. Please contact Walter Carver at 902-213-7015 or the church office at 902-964-2221 if you are planning on coming. This event is in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church.

**Financial Assistance for Camp Abby** – The UCW is providing some financial assistance for children going to Camp Abby this summer. If you are considering sending your child to Camp Abby, please give your name to Velda Bertram at 902-964-2210 or Kim Rodd at 902-626-5252 by Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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](mailto:veldabertram@gmail.com).

**Annual Take-out Hot Roast Beef Supper** will be on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. A generous serving of hot roast beef with all the trimmings and including a tasty dessert. Three take-out times: 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20/ adult, \$7/youth (ages 6-12 yrs) and free for children 5 yrs. and younger. For tickets, order in advance by contacting Debbie at 902-964-2882 or Lois at 902-621-0669. **Note:** Tickets will be collected at diners' vehicles and suppers delivered back to vehicles in the church parking lot. We truly appreciate your support and wish you Bon appetite!

**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](mailto:office@cquc.ca) or you can call her during office hours at 902-964-2221.

**Eastern PEI Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of The United Church of Canada!** - On Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, all are warmly invited to come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada! This event is a collaboration of 9 United Churches of Eastern PEI and will get underway at 4:30 pm., with a free BBQ and fun activities for people of all ages. The worship service begins at 6:30 pm. and will be followed by cake and ice cream. Many thanks to our host site: Hillcrest United Church, 50 Wood Islands Road, Montague (fully accessible). Freewill Offering to the Mission & Service Fund and/or to Camp Abegweit.

**Sunday School Leader & Helpers are Needed** – We are still in need of someone to lead Sunday School and others to help out. Please contact the church office if you can help with this very important ministry.

**Bulletin Deadline**—Deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is **Wednesday evening**. Bulletin items can be emailed to [office@cquc.ca](mailto:office@cquc.ca).

**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.

### **News From Camp Abby**

The annual **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2 pm to 4 pm. More details to follow.

We are working on the **WISH LIST** to help keep our cost down. It will be ready to be circulated shortly. Items we know that we will need and you could start to pick up are: cereal, juice, crackers, marshmallows, graham crackers, freezies (small ones), band-aids, and tomato soup.

**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.

*Over . . . .*

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### **Community News**

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Dino Dunsford and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Tip-Er-Back with Darlene Bradley. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast** – You're invited to come to the Brackley Beach Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and bacon and spend time with family and friends. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Brackley Beach Community Centre, 3330 Brackley Point Road. For information, please call/text 902-218-6984.

**Concert** - Kendall Docherty & 'Ceilidh in the City Band' on the Road – coming to Park Royal United Church on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 and available now by calling 902-894-9656, at the door or through Eventbrite! Get yours before they're gone!

**Special Service** – You are invited to join the Bedeque, South Shore & Bedeque North Pastoral Charges in their Celebrations of 100 Years of being the United Church of Canada. This special service is being held at Camp Abby on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Worship begins at 10:30 am and is followed by a shared lunch of light finger foods. We ask you to please bring something to share. Cupcakes and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

**Winsloe United Church** presents "Make a Joyful Noise", a concert celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The United Church of Canada. Performers include the Winsloe United Church Choir, Courtney Hogan-Chandler, and Kristyn Visser-Perkin. There will be refreshments, including anniversary cake, following the concert. The concert will be on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at Winsloe United Church.