

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

September 20, 2026 – 10:30 am

**Season of Creation –
God Provides So Life Will
Thrive**



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.*

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
We Gather as God's Beloved**

Prelude

Welcome

Welcome to this time of worship, praise, prayer, and fellowship.

**Welcome to this place of worship, located on the
unceded traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq people.**

May all who enter this sanctuary find it a haven of peace.

May it be so. Amen.

Announcements, Birthdays & Special Occasions

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We gather today as followers of Jesus,
who, when asked "Who are you?", replied:

I am the Light!

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world;

**may its light brighten our spirits
and through us, may the light of God shine in our world.**

***Introit:** *"Come, All You People" MV #2*

Bible Presentation *(placed during singing of the Introit)*

Call to Worship

God, our Creator, is present with us today to remind us
that the wilderness is not empty,

for God walks there with all God's people.

Today, we will be reminded that God fed Israel
with bread from heaven.

The desert blooms where justice and mercy take root.

Jesus, our Teacher and Guide, invites us to join him
in living in God's vineyard,

where there is enough for everyone.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Come, let us worship God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who transforms scarcity into abundance
and fear into hope.

We rejoice to gather as God's family in this place!

***Opening Hymn:** *“Come In, Come In and Sit Down”* VU #395

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, you fed your people with manna from heaven,
teaching them to trust your daily provision.

Help us to live simply, that all may simply live.

Curb our greed and awaken gratitude,
that we may receive all your gifts with reverence and care.

**Sustain us with your bounty and guide us in justice,
that we may walk gently upon your earth;
through Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 105 (parts 1&4) - VU page 828

***Hymn:** *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”* VU #577

**All Ages Time & Blessing of Backpacks, School Bags,
Briefcases & Tool Boxes**

***Hymn:** *“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”* VU #577 (vs. 1&3)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer for Transformation

Creator of All, from the deep wellspring of love your Word went forth
to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.

**By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth
to bring forth a diversity of creatures and plants,
each of which offers you praise in their being.**

You called human beings to be stewards of your Creation.
You placed us into right relationships with each creature
so that we could listen to their voices and learn how to safeguard
the conditions for life.

**Creating and redeeming God, we are sorry for the times
when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted
ungratefully. We enjoy the fruits of the harvest
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.**



We belong to a people who are full and satisfied

**but ignore the cries of those in need. We are thoughtless
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
For these sins and all the times we have fallen short
of your dream for us, for others and for Creation,
forgive us we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Jesus came into our world so that all might have life; life in all its
fullness. Through the resurrection of Jesus our sins are washed away,
and new life and hope have been given. Forgiven and set on a
pathway to hope, let us join with all Creation to praise God!

Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

God’s Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2 – 15 (NIV)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20: 1 – 16 (NIV)

Anthem

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Love for Us

Music for Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone. We live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

***Presentation of Offering:** *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"* VU #368 (vs. 1&6)

Offertory Prayer

Holy and loving God, through your Son, Jesus, you have called us to follow you, living out our faith in our daily lives and relationships.

**We come before you today to offer these gifts to you
as a sign of affirmation that we accept your call.
Receive and bless these gifts we present in love.
Grant us strength and courage to so live and walk with you
so that our discipleship may be a transforming presence
in this world. All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
our Saviour, Teacher, and Friend. Amen.**

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning

Dear Friends, our time of worship draws to a close. Let us prepare to go forth into the world God loves, assured we are loved, seen, and empowered by God. Our Creator has blessed us abundantly and sends us the gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and encourage us. Therefore, let us go forth, filled with the love and courage that comes from God, to be channels through which the Lord can bring renewed hope and life to others and to the world.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen. Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

***Hymn:** *"When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides"* MV #169

*Becoming Light Bearers

We have gathered and worshipped in the presence of the Light and Love of Jesus. As we prepare to leave this sanctuary, we are called to become those who carry the Light of Christ to our world.

**We will go forth to bring Light and Hope to our world!
Amen. Alleluia!**

*Benediction

***Choral Response:** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* VU#575 vs. 1

Welcome to Central Queens United Church!

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.

Thank You to Rev. Eric Lynk & Rev. Margaret Collins for leading us in worship today.

*Today's bulletin is placed in loving memory of Barbara Ann Ried;
lovingly remembered by Walter & Pat Carver & family.*

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Life and Work of Our Church

Emergencies – Please contact Lois Lajeunesse at 902-621-0669 or 902-388-1103 for any church related assistance.

Supply Minister: Eric Lynk and Margaret Collins will be leading us in worship next Sunday, September 27.

Scripture Readings for September 27:

Exodus 17:1-17

– *Water flows from the rock for the thirsty people in the desert.*

Psalms 78

– *God has done marvellous things in the past;
magnify God's name today!*

Philippians 2:1-13

– *Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus.*

Matthew 21:23-32

– *By what authority does Jesus act and teach?*

Central Queens United Church Sunday School welcomes children and youth for "*Adventures with the Son*". Sunday School begins today, Sunday, September 20, during the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to enjoy a Corn Boil following the service (hosted by the Official Board).

FundScrip – The next order date is Sunday, September 27. You can reach Janet Howes by email jhowes1969@gmail.com or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

Official Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming Church Events:

October 24 – Car Rally

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 21 – Trivia

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date

Central Queens Car Rally will be held on Saturday, October 24. Start time – 9:00 a.m. at the church parking lot. Pre-register by calling Walter Carver (902-213-7015) or the church office.

Trivia at Central Queens will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2:00 p.m. Get a team together and sign up by calling Walter Carver or the church office.

Camp Abegweit annual fundraising dinner -- September 26 at Camp Abegweit. Sit-down roast beef meal starts at 6 p.m.; take-out option available from 4-4:30. Tickets: \$45 for adults; \$20 for children (tickets must be purchased in advance). Cake auction and silent auction. To purchase tickets or donate to either auction - sharon@campabegweit.ca or 902-432-9193.

Community Events

Fullerton's Marsh – An Evening of Folk & Irish Music

Park Royal United Church is hosting a concert with *Fullerton's Marsh* on Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00). Tickets are \$15 for adults; children 12 and under free. Tickets available in advance through Eventbrite or at the door (cash only). Proceeds will support the programs and outreach of Park Royal United Church. For more information, contact the church office at 902-894-9656 or office@parkroyalunited.ca.