

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

**Palm 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**

**\*Introit** Spirit, Open My Heart MV #79 (Refrain x2)

**Bible Presentation** (*Brought forward during the Introit*)

**The Candle of Unity**

**\*Hymn** Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights VU #108 vs 1

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, pilgrims on the way, come, travellers of heart and hope. Today, we walk with Jesus, not into power as the world defines it, but into the city of resistance, on the road of compassion, toward the cross of love.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the One who disrupts injustice.

**Hosanna in the streets!**

Blessed is the One who rides on a borrowed colt.

**Hosanna to the humble Sovereign!**

**\*Hymn** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU #123

**Prayer of Approach**

**Holy One of wind and wave, bless the branches of  
creation,**

**cut not for conquest but carried in peace. May they be  
for us a sign of resistance, a green shout of hope in the  
dusty streets of empire. As we lift them high, lift also  
our courage. May we follow your Way, not of triumph,  
but of truth and new birth.**

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

**Responsive Reading** – Psalm 118 (*Parts 1, 3 & 4*) VU #837

**\*Hymn** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357 vs 1 - 3

**All God's Children**

**Hymn** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus VU #357 vs 4 & 5

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

When we choose silence in the face of suffering—

**Forgive us, God of truth.**

When we wave branches but do not walk the way—

**Forgive us, God of courage.**

When we long for a messiah who will fix it all—

## Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Continued)

**Forgive us, God of transformation.**

In your mercy, turn us around, set our feet on your path,  
and walk with us again.

**Amen.**

### Words of Grace

\*Sung Response      Halle, Halle, Hallelujah      VU #958

### Presentation of Our Gifts

### Invitation to Generosity

### \*Presentation of Offering

\*Offertory      In Gratitude and Humble Trust      VU #544

### \*Offertory Prayer

**Hosanna, O God of grace—as the crowds laid their  
cloaks before Jesus, so we lay before you these gifts,  
offered in joy, given in hope, blessed by your love. Use  
them, and use us, for the coming of your kin-dom.  
Amen.**

### Listening for the Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Sacred Scripture

**Luke 19:28-40**

Anthem      *Hosanna, Amen*

Sermon      *Riding into Risk*

### Reflective Music

## Responding to the Word

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*Silence*

**Strengthen them in your mercy. And humble us, O  
God—lest we forget how much we have been given.**

*Silence*

**Embrace them in your mercy. And humble us—if we  
ever think we are beyond the reach of sorrow.**

....This we pray, in the name of Jesus—the one who rides  
not above our pain, but into it.

**Amen**

\*Hymn      Christ Has No Body Now but Yours      MV #171

### \*Benediction

Go now, not as spectators of a parade, but as companions  
on the journey. Go with your branches of hope, your fists  
unclenched, your hearts set toward peace. For the road is  
long, but love endures.

**We go in peace, in courage, in holy rebellion. Amen.**

\*Choral Benediction May the God of Hope Go with Us      VU #424

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

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### Ministers

All of us

### Clergy

**Rev Greg Davis**

Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9 am – 12 pm

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## **Church Office**

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                            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 Martha Carver. Lovingly remembered by Walter and Pat Carver and families.

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Bulletins are also placed in loving memory of Martha Vickerson. Lovingly remembered by Walter and Pat Carver and families.

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**Thank You** – Thanks are extended to Christine Belanger for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

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## **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday – April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm (Seder Meal & Communion)  
Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am  
Sunrise Service – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 am – Breakfast to follow at 7 am at the church.  
Easter Service with Communion – April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

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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, April 20<sup>th</sup>, are:

Acts 10:34-43 *Peter preaches at the house of Cornelius.*  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (VU #837 Parts 1, 2 & 3) *God is my strength and my song.*  
I Corinthians 15:19-26 *We die in Adam and are made alive in Christ.*  
Luke 24:1-12 *The women report that the tomb is empty.*

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

**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 April are Sobeys/Lawtons/Foodland - 5%. The next order date is Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Bookworms United** – The next meeting is this Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at the church. We will be discussing *The Diamond Eye* and *Recipe for a Perfect Wife*. All are welcome to join.

**A congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to select a Community of Faith Profile committee. This is our first step in the process of hiring a new minister.

**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.

**Rosewood Service** – There will be no service at Rosewood next Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, due to the Maundy Thursday service.

**Smokeless Fire Pit (Solo Stove)** – If anyone has a smokeless fire pit, please reach out to Greg. He is looking to borrow one. Thanks.

**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).

**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.

**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).

**Puzzles** - Please check under your pillows, cushions, and tables for any pieces that may have gone wandering. If you find any, there is a container above the puzzle shelves for these 'lost pieces'. Many thanks.

**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.

**Camp Abegweit Annual Meeting** tomorrow evening, April 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 pm at Trinity United Church in Summerside.

**The Annual Meeting of the PEI Church Extension Board** will be held at 10 am on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Central Queens United Church. The representative from each charge is requested to attend and others are welcome. The meeting typically takes a maximum of one hour.

**Eastertide Gathering of The United Church of Canada PEI Cluster Group** on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Central Queens United Church. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. To register, email Nancie at [nsgreenacres@gmail.com](mailto:nsgreenacres@gmail.com) and let her know your name, phone number, email, and what community of faith you represent.

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### Community News

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** this afternoon, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm. Hosts Jacinta MacDonald and the Winsloe United House Band welcome special guests Kurk Bernard and Katie Campbell. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 pm.

**The Winsloe Players** present "A Cottage Affair" at the Carrefour Theatre on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/child(12 and under) and are available at Proude's Shoes (902-894-3504), Winsloe Irving (902-569-0166), Clow's Red & White (902-621-0500), QEH Foundation (902-894-2425) or from any cast member. For more information: <https://qehfoundation.pe.ca/events/the-winsloe-players-present-a-cottage-affair/>. All proceeds support the QEH Foundation's Big Day of Giving.

**Gospel Concert** on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm at St John's Anglican Church. Admission is \$10. Performers include: Kella Glydon and Judy Lowe, Frank Whitby, Blue Streak and Allsion Coles and Ed MacLaren.

