

Gathering for Worship

# CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 6, 2025 – 10:30 am

Graduation Sunday

Fourth 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**

We gather today at a bend in the road, a place of looking back and looking forward, a moment of endings and beginnings.

**We come ready to listen—to stories, to dreams, to the  
whisper of the sea.**

The journey of becoming is slow and steady, shaped by tides of time and moments of grace.

**Call to Worship (Continued)**

**We come to celebrate those who are becoming, and to remember who we are in this unfolding story.**

**\*Hymn** I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry VU #644

**Prayer Of Approach**

**God of the shoreline, you meet us in the rhythm of tides and time, help us to slow down and notice the glimmering light, to breathe deeply and trust the journey.**

**Be with our graduates as they step forward, not with certainty, but with courage and hope. Amen.**

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

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

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 139 VU #861

**\*Hymn** I Am a Child of God MV #157 vs 1 & 2

**All God's Children**

**Hymn** I Am a Child of God MV #157 vs 4 & 5

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Presentation of Offering**

**\*Offertory** You Nourish Us VU #545

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Gracious God, we offer these gifts as signs of our trust in the unfolding story you are writing in and through us.**

**May they nurture growth, deepen kindness, and create space for all to become who they are meant to be.**

**Bless what we give and who we are, now and always.  
Amen.**

**Listening for the Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Sacred Scripture**

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

Philippians 1:3-6,9-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**Sermon** "Becoming Who You Are"

**Reflective Music**

**Responding to the Word**

**A Community Sending for Graduates**

**A Communal Affirmation**

**"We see you.**

**We bless you.**

**We trust the good work unfolding in you.**

**You are not alone.**

**We are your shoreline—**

**and we will cheer you on from every harbour you pass."**

**\*Hymn** She Comes Sailing on the Wind (She Flies On) VU #380

## Life and Work of Our Church

### \*Changing the Light

### \*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction      Peace Be with You      MV #215

### Postlude

\* Please stand as you are able

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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 Shirley Moore. Lovingly remembered by the Moore family.

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**Sympathies** are extended to Elizabeth and Gordon Orr on the death of Elizabeth's mother, Jennie MacNeil.

**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.

**Congratulations Grads!!** – This morning, we will be recognizing all our recent graduates. Congratulations to the graduates from Bluefield High School: Bethany Blanchard, Braden Corbett, Molly McCourt, Harrison Munroe, Kai Smith, Braxton Stead, Isaac Taweel, Michael Taylor, Caleb Vos and Evan Weeks; Saskatchewan Polytechnic: Dillan Hughes (Medical Lab Assistant); and to anyone who we may have forgotten. Congratulations on your well-deserved success!!

**Scripture Readings** - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, are:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10

Psalm 82 (*VU #799*)

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

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.

**Congratulations** to Aaron Anderson on receiving the “Volunteer of the Year” award with Hockey PEI.

**Four-Week Sermon Series** – Starting July 13<sup>th</sup>, Greg will be starting a four-week sermon series entitled “*Hope-Crafting in a Fractured World*”. An insert has been included outlining the scripture and sermon title for each week.

**Rosewood Service** will be held on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. The UC Men will be assisting Greg in leading the service.

**Strawberry Social** – Join us for a Strawberry Social on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, from 12 noon – 2 pm. You are invited to bring a guest(s). Enjoy sandwiches and strawberry shortcake. Freewill offering accepted. This event is in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church.

**Roast Beef Supper** – The June 7<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef Take-Out supper made a profit of \$9951.59. Thanks everyone for all your hard work.

**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 July are: Cineplex - 5% and Old Navy/ Gap - 9%. The next order date is Sunday, July 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).

**Yard Sale – Save the Date!** The annual Yard Sale at Central Queens United Church will be on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 am – 12 pm. Anyone who would like to donate items for the yard sale are welcome to until setup day, (Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>). Items can be dropped off during office hours.

**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.

**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)

**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.

**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.

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### Community News

**Strawberry and Ice Cream Social** at Winsloe United Church on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**West River United Church** is holding its annual Strawberry Social on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.