

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**

Gathering for Worship

We Gather as God's Beloved

CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH

July 19, 2026 – 10:30 am

Worship Leader: The Rev Margaret Collins

Eighth 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, 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, whom 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.

***Bible Presentation** (*Placed during the Introit*)

***Introit** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers VU #385 vs 1 & 5

***Call to Worship**

Brothers and Sisters:

We gather this day in the name of Jesus, the living Christ, to worship God our Creator and Guide.

Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

***Call to Worship (Continued)**

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

This is a meeting place for God and God's people; a sanctuary where we may share God's love, be renewed and refreshed, and go forth to carry Christ's Good News into the world.

Let us worship God together.

We gather to praise our living Lord.

***Opening Hymn** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind VU #608

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, in you alone we put our hope, for you are our Creator and Sustainer, who gives all good things seen and unseen.

Brother Jesus, in you alone we put our hope, for you are our Saviour and Redeemer, who died for our sins and rose again.

Breath of God, you are the Spirit, who gifts us with divine wisdom, guidance and comfort. In you alone we put our hope and to you we give our praise.

Blessed Trinity, Creator, Redeemer and Guide, in you we place our hope and to you we offer our praise! Amen.

Responsive Reading - Psalm 139 VU #861

***Hymn** Dance with the Spirit MV #156 x 2

Time with The Young & Young at Heart

Hymn Dance with the Spirit MV #156 x 2

Invitation to Confession

Prayer for Transformation

Nothing is hidden from you, O God. You know us better than we know ourselves. Even the mysteries of our deepest thoughts are clear to you.

God of grace and mercy, we come to you seeking healing and wholeness for our lives and our world. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. Loving God, enfold us and forgive us, and lead us in the pathway that leads to everlasting life with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Based on Psalm 139)

Hear the good news proclaimed by the psalmist of old: 'If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night, even the darkness is not dark to you, O God, and the night is as bright as the day.'"

The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ our loving Saviour. He binds up the broken hearted, heals our weaknesses, carries our worries, and forgives our sin. Dear Friends, receive this Good News: Your sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

God's Word for Us Today

Prayer for Inspiration

First Reading – Genesis 28:10-19a *Jacob's dream of the ladder.*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The Parable of the weeds scattered among good seed.*

Anthem *When Seeds Falls on Good Soil* Choir

Sermon

We Respond to God's Love for Us

Music for Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *(On the Screen)*

Offertory Invitation

*** Presentation of Offering** Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
VU #265 vs 1 & 2

***Offertory Prayer**

God of seedtime and of harvest: we gather before you
acknowledging that all the good gifts around us are sent by
you.

**With thankful hearts we offer back to you a portion of that
we first received from you. With grateful hearts and open
hands, we offer the gifts of our hearts, lives, time, talents
and treasures so the Good News of your saving love may
grow. Through the guidance of your Holy Spirit enrich our
community, our lives and the wider Church throughout the
world, through the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God

Commissioning (Based on Romans 8:15-17)

As we to go out into the world let us remember this:
As followers of Jesus Christ, we have not received a spirit of
fear, but one of hope and confidence. Remember, we are all
children of God, members of God's own family, and heirs with
Jesus Christ himself.

**We will go forth with joy to love and serve the Lord. Amen.
Alleluia!**

***Hymn** Be Thou My Vision VU #642

***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 now 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** Forth in Thy Name, O Christ VU #416 vs 1

Postlude *Please stand as you are able

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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.

Thank You to Rev Margaret Collins for leading us in worship this
morning.

Also, thanks to Ellen Davis for her beautiful gift of music this morning.

Central Queens United Church

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 – Rev Debbie Aitken will be leading us in worship next Sunday, July 26th.

Scripture Readings - The scripture readings selected for next Sunday, July 26th, are:

Genesis 29:15-28 *Jacob marries Leah and Rachel.*

Responsive Reading – Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Part 1 (VU #828)

Make known what God has done.

Romans 8:26-39 *the Spirit intercedes for us when we cannot pray.*

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *Five parables: mustard seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, net.*

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 next order date is August 9th.

Annual Yard Sale – Our annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 8 am – 12 noon here at the church. Donations will be accepted until setup day (**Thursday**, August 13th) and can be dropped off during office hours. **Please note change of date.**

Upcoming Church Events – Mark your calendars for the following events:

September 17, 18 & 19 – Dinner Theater

November 7 – Fall Roast Beef Supper

November 8 – Frozen Pie orders go out

November 22 – Frozen Pie orders due date

December 10 – Frozen Pies pick up date.

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Community Events

Gospel Concert featuring Dino and the Harmonies at Winsloe United Church this evening, July 19th, at 7 pm. Admission is \$15 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm.

Pride Parade 2026 Churches Unite – Anglican and United Churches are working together to create a float and walk together in Charlottetown's Pride Parade Saturday, July 25th. Start time: 10 am. Grounds open at 8:30 am. Our theme is “Home”. Please gather on Fitzroy Street and check in with volunteers who will direct your group to the correct area. There is no parking or entry via Terry Fox & Kent St, or Rochford & Fitzroy St.

You are invited to be part of joint preparations for this event or create banners within your own congregation and/or join our group at the parade. **Please Note Date Change:** Float making at the warehouse of Vicki Allen Cook (2378 Friston Road, Stanhope) on Wednesday, July 22nd & Thursday, July 23rd, from 1:30-4pm. Questions: email Karen at kmacleodwilkie@hotmail.com

BE GLAD

Be glad that your life has been full and complete,
Be glad that you've tasted the bitter and sweet.
Be glad that you've walked in sunshine and rain,
Be glad that you've felt both pleasure and pain.
Be glad that you've had such a full, happy life,
Be glad for your joy as well as your strife.

Be glad that you've walked with courage each day,
Be glad you've had strength for each step of the way.
Be glad for the comfort that you've found in prayer.
Be glad for God's blessings, His love, and His care.

By: Helen Steiner Rice

