

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

# **CENTRAL QUEENS UNITED CHURCH**

**October 4, 2026 – 10:30 am**

## **Worldwide Communion Sunday**

**Called to be in Communion  
with Creation and Each Other**



### **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.*

### **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,  
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.**

**\*Introit:** *"Rejoice in the Lord Always" VU #249*

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

### **Call to Worship** *(based on St. Francis' Canticle of the Sun)*

Friends, we are called together today by Almighty God  
who is the source of all life and goodness.

**All praise is yours, Almighty God,  
and all glory, honour and blessing.**

We praise you, Lord, for the majesty of Creation, especially for  
Brother Sun, who is the day through whom you give us light.

**We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,  
so useful, humble, precious, and pure.**

We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom you light the night.

**We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth, who sustains us  
with her fruits, coloured flowers, and herbs.**

We praise and bless you, Lord God, our Creator.

**We gather to offer you thanks  
and to serve you in all humility.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *“This is the Day”* VU #412

### **Confessional Prayer of Approach**

We gather this day to bless God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, and by whose mercy our sins are forgiven. Knowing that God is full of mercy and forgiveness, let us enter a time of reflection and acknowledge the things we have done or neglected to do that draw us from living in God’s Way.

God has blessed us, but still God’s children go hungry.

**Creating, redeeming, and sustaining God,  
in your mercy forgive us and help us.**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.

**Creating, redeeming and sustaining God,  
in your mercy forgive us and help us.**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in our world.

**Creating, redeeming and sustaining God,  
in your mercy forgive us and help us.**

### **Words of Assurance & Comfort**

My Friends, we gather this day blessed by God. “May God who still touches Earth with beauty, make our hearts anew, may God’s Spirit recreate us, pure, and strong and true.” Let us remember always that the God of Love sent his Son Jesus into this world to bring us back to God, to forgive our sins, and to assure us of God’s everlasting love for us.

**Thanks be to God! Amen. Alleluia!**

**Responsive Psalm Reading:** Psalm 148 - VU page 871

**\*Hymn:** *“Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It”* (Tune: *If You’re Happy & You Know It*)

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,  
CLAP YOUR HANDS. (*clap, clap*)

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,  
CLAP YOUR HANDS. (*clap, clap*)

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,  
AND WE REALLY WANT TO SHOW IT,

YES, GOD LOVES US AND WE KNOW IT,  
CLAP YOUR HANDS. (*clap, clap*)

Verse 2: STOMP YOUR FEET (*stomp, stomp*)

Verse 3: SAY AMEN! (*A- men!*)

Verse 4: DO ALL THREE! (*clap, clap, stomp, stomp, A-men!*)

### **Time with the Young & Young at Heart**

**\*Hymn:** *“Yes, God Loves Us & We Know It”* (vs. 1&3)

### **God’s Word for Us Today**

#### **Prayer for Inspiration**

**First Reading:** Genesis 1:26-31 (New Living Translation - NLT)

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 12:28-31 (NLT)

#### **Anthem**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Offertory Invitation**

**\*Presentation of Offering:** *“Your Work, O God”* VU #537 – vs. 1

#### **Offertory Prayer**

God of grace, you are the source of our life and nourish us with Jesus, The Bread of Life. Mindful of all you have given us, our hearts overflow with praise and we gather in community to offer the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure.

**Gifts that first came from God to us.**

We gather in community to offer fruit of the vine and bread from the harvest of the land.

**Gifts that first came from God to us. These, O Lord, are the very gifts of our hearts and labours. Receive these gifts given in love, and use them to shine the light of your love in our world. Amen.**

**Hymn:** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

Let us break bread together on this day,

let us break bread together on this day:

*When I fall down on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me!*

Let us drink wine together on this day,  
let us drink wine together on this day,  
*When I fall down on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me!*  
Let us praise God together, let us praise;  
let us praise God together all our days:  
*He is faithful in all His ways, He is worthy of all praise,  
His name be exalted on high!*  
Let us serve God together, God obey;  
let our lives show his goodness through each day;  
*Christ the Lord is the world's true light,  
Let us serve him with all our might, His name be exalted on high!*

### **We Gather Around The Lord's Table**

#### **Invitation**

As we come to this table, we are reminded that this is not my table or the table of this church. It is the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, who greets us here; and the food we will share is the family feast of the whole people of God. All who seek to be nourished and sustained in the journey of faith, and who long to live justly and in peace with their neighbour are welcome here.

**Blessed be God, who welcomes all who come to him  
with open arms.**

#### **Communion Prayer**

Let us, therefore, gather at this table sharing in the peace  
Christ alone brings.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**  
Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to his people on earth!**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God for the gift of his Son. **It is good to give  
our thanks and praise.**

Holy One of Creation, out of darkness you bring forth new life.  
As the sun, moon, and stars light our days and nights, so your love  
illuminates our souls. When fears threaten to flood our lives, you make  
a path for us to your heart. All this you do out of your love for us,  
but we forget all your wonders. You sent the prophets and saints to  
help us to remember your great acts, but we dismiss their words.

Then, to keep your promise to never, never forsake us, you sent Jesus  
Christ to guide our feet back to your Holy Way. As we remember  
what God has done for us in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection  
of Jesus, we speak of that faith which is a mystery: **Lord Jesus,  
you call us: Open our eyes that we may see you; open our souls  
that we may long for your presence; and open our hearts  
that we may follow you.**

Therefore, we join our voices with the chorus of heaven to praise you:  
**Holy, holy, holy are you, God the Creator! The mountains sing  
your praises, the valleys echo your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
We welcome the One who comes in your name; who calls us to  
life. Hosanna in the highest!**

We praise and bless you, gracious God, through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord. As we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit upon our  
offering of bread and fruit of the vine. On the night before he died  
Jesus had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in  
remembrance of me.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised  
you, gave it to them and said:

**Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

Creating God, we remember all that Jesus did for us,  
**bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.**  
Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of the Table and upon your people  
who have come to this feast. As we taste the Bread of life,  
**may we be filled with that generosity which makes us servants.**

As we drink from the Cup of grace,  
**may we be nourished by the fruit of the Spirit found there.**

Then, enable us to go forth to follow where you lead us to bring  
justice and mercy, hope and peace to our broken world. And when all  
time has come to an end, as we gather with our sisters and brothers  
from every moment and every place, we will sing our glad songs  
to you, God in Community, Holy Three in One. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

### Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gifts of God for the People of God! **Thanks be to God!**

The bread we break **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The cup for which we give thanks **is our sharing in the life of Christ.**

The body of Christ, given for you. Take, eat, remember, and be thankful. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take, drink, remember and give thanks. Come to the Table, the supper is ready.

*(The People come forward to receive)*

### **We Go in Faith to Love and Serve God**

#### Prayer after Communion

Each leaf, each petal, each grain, each person, sings your praises, Creator God. Each creature on the earth, all the mountains and great seas show your glory, O Spirit of love.

**Loving and redeeming God, show us how to step gently,  
how to live simply, how to walk lightly with respect  
and love for all that you have made. Amen.**

#### Commissioning

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed are you, Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth. You open our eyes to see the wonders around us and our hearts and mouths to praise you. As we go forth into your world, give us strength for loving service, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn** *"Peace is Flowing Like a River"*

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Joy is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Faith is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

#### **\*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 now 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:**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU # 541*

## Life and Work of Our Church

### 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 **Wilfred Smith**; lovingly remembered by Evelyn, Calvin & Susan, Wina, Randy, Connor & Halle.*

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If you wish to renew or start a new subscription for “**Broadview**” United Church magazine, please contact Velda (902-964-2210). Cost is \$30.00 per year.

**Rosewood Service** will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. The UCW will be leading the service.

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

**Supply Minister:** Kirk Neville will be leading us in worship next Sunday, October 11.

**Scripture Readings** for October 11, Thanksgiving Sunday:  
**Deuteronomy 8:7-18**

*God will bring you to a bountiful land.*

**Psalms 65**

*God provides; the valleys shout and sing.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

*God loves a cheerful giver.*

**Luke 17:11-19**

*Ten healed; one returns to offer thanks.*

**FundScrip** – The next order date is Sunday, October 11. You can reach Janet Howes by email [jhowes1969@gmail.com](mailto:jhowes1969@gmail.com) or by phone or text (902-393-1527). E-transfers are accepted.

### 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.

### **Community Events**

**Volunteer Food Safety Courses** are being offered as follows:

- ~Tuesday, October 27, Our Lady of Assumption Church, Stratford
  - ~Tuesday, November 10, Trinity United Church, Summerside
  - ~Wednesday, November 17, St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown
- To register online – [envhealth@ihis.org](mailto:envhealth@ihis.org) OR call 902-368-4970.

**Winsloe United Church Ceilidh** on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m.  
Host Jacinta MacDonald welcomes special guests Brian Langille, Roberta Smith, and Colleen MacPhee. Admission \$15 at the door; doors open at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Free Family Skate:**

The Hunter River Club and surrounding area Lions Clubs will be hosting a family skate at the Eliyahu Wellness Center in North Rustico, Friday, Oct 9th @ 5pm. Why not start Thanksgiving with some fun with our Lions members and family.  
There will be treats for everyone! Hope to see you there!

**Family Church** – All ages welcome for crafts, songs, snacks, & more!  
Bedeque United Church, Saturday, October 17, 1:30-3:00 pm.  
Please register by October 12; email [bedequepc@outlook.com](mailto:bedequepc@outlook.com) or call 902-887-2003.

The congregation of the Memorial Pastoral Charge invite you to a **Covenanting Service** between them, Corina Anderson, and the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region to be held in the Memorial United Church, Murray River, PEI, on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 pm.

**Trinity United Church**, Charlottetown, will be holding its fall take-out roast beef dinner on Saturday, October 24, with pick-up from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip, carrots, peas, roll. Delicious cake for dessert. Tickets are \$25, purchased in advance, please.  
Call 902-892-4114 or email [trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com).

#### **Indoor Yard Sale Fundraiser**

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Park Royal United Church, 11 Christie Drive, Charlottetown  
Come browse a great selection of “new-to-you” treasures, including housewares, books, jewellery, small appliances, furniture, tools, arts and crafts, and more! Don't miss our bake table featuring delicious homemade goodies. All proceeds support Park Royal United Church's programming and community outreach.  
Ample parking is available. Please bring a reusable shopping bag!

