# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

# April 30, 2023, 10:30am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

# Land Acknowledgement

There were people here long before we came to live on this land as settlers and descendants of settlers. We acknowledge these many Nations of Indigenous people who first lived and currently live here. We give thanks to this land, the territory(s) of these Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We do this to acknowledge our responsibility to enhance and promote peace among all who now share this land, as well as good stewardship of it and its resources.

# GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU#626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

# **GREETING**

One: We have come to bring our praise to the Lord

All: We come to be renewed by the Holy Spirit

One That we might be a people formed after God's own heart

All: We trust in God's presence and power

# LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ is risen

All: His glory fills the world
One: Come to the light of Christ.

# CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 34:1-8)

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

# **GATHERING PRAYER**

O Lord our God, as we come together in worship sustain us in the complexity of our humanity as you sustained David—
playing the harp of youth,
throwing stones at giant problems,
loving our friends beyond wisdom,
dancing worship,
mourning children,
breaking our hearts in psalms, and
longing for warmth in our old bones.
This we ask in Jesus name, Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER VU# 960 (sung)

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of eternal love, we come to you with a humble heart and a contrite spirit, asking for your grace to be showered upon us. As we consider the pattern of your Spirit, we feel inadequate to approach you, but hear us as we ask your forgiveness. We confess that we have not always reflected your compassion to those around us. While we find it easy to be compassionate towards those whom we love, we find that it is harder to do that with those whom we consider to be our enemies. We find it easy to keep a score of those who have wronged us, while we ignore the pain that we have inflicted on others. Help us to look first at how we can best transform ourselves into a more faithful reflection of your love instead of how we can change those with whom we have conflicted feelings. We hunger for your grace and love, feed us this day. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# RESPONSIVE HYMN VU#508 "Just As I Am" (v.3)

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come

## ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Welcoming all to – Gather in God's Grace, Grow in Christian faith and Go in Community Service

LEARN TOGETHER: (VU#249) "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (1x)

Rejoice in the Lord always
and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)
Rejoice in the Lord always
and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice! (clap, clap)

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S TIME

# PSALM READING: Psalm 130:1-8 Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning,

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

SACRED MUSIC "Carry the Light" (Choir)

MESSAGE: "Forgive our sins as we forgive"

\*HYMN VU#266 "Amazing Grace"

## INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY HYMN VU# 426 "Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name"

Saviour again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; we give you thanks before our worship cease, then, in the silence hear your word of peace.

# \*OFFERING PRAYER

All: Lord, what we have we bring to you. Transform these gifts of our hands and our hearts, by your worthiness and your grace. Send them where you will, use them according to your purpose. Renew in us a powerful spirit of generosity and service, we pray in Jesus name, Amen

HYMN: VU#400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*CLOSING HYMN: VU# 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## \*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

#### \*VESPER

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

# \*ORGAN POSTLUDE

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for coffee, fellowship and cake in the CE hall following the worship service as we celebrate all those who have a birthday in April.

Thank you to Rev. Diane Walker for leading our Worship service, to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the Lay Reader, to Lisa Brillon & the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entrance to the CE hall for anyone wishing to sign up to:

- a) learn how to run the lift. It will be done on a Sunday after coffee hour.
- b) to be trained on the use of the defibrillator (date and time to be determined)

The Ministry & Personnel Committee will meet in the parlour right after the worship service this morning.

The UCW is asking the congregation to please bring sandwiches or dessert for the luncheon following the Anniversary Service **next Sunday**, **May 7th**.

Next Sunday, May 7th will be "Tooney Sunday". There will be a collection box in the Narthex and on the table outside the elevator. All the money collected will be going to support mission outreach projects.

Please join the Boyda family in celebrating Clair Boyda's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! It is an open house celebration on Saturday, May 27th, 2023 1pm-4pm at St. Davids-Queenston United Church.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Jim Gates, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Margaret Ballantyne and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Sherry Halowski, Gayle Vanesch, her Husband Peter and their Families Wendy & Peter Dean, Jennifer and Stewart Fulton, Marion & John Smith, Barbara Redner, Kelly & Rob Dolihan, Rebecca Gandey, Danny Hadfield, Steve Hinchille & families and the Pozzobon family

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# 626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.



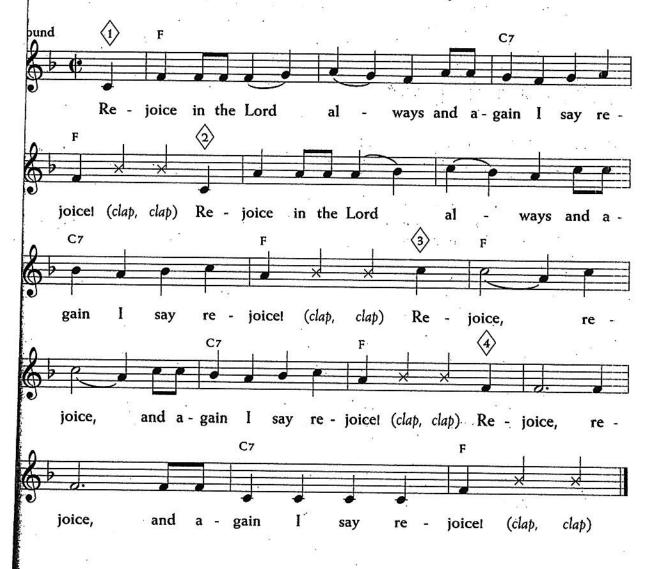


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Vords: traditional, anon. Music: traditional, anon.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

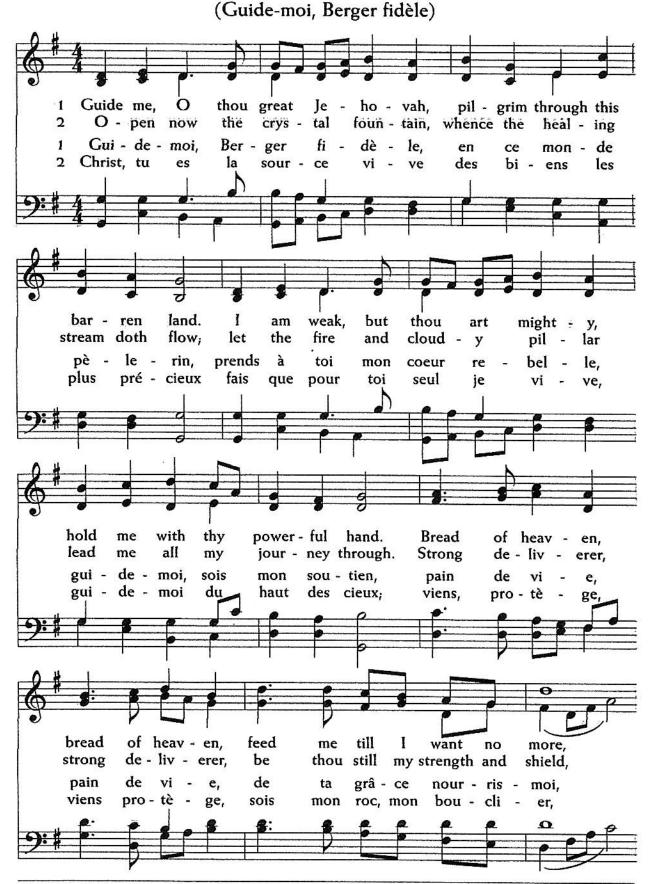
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# 266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



<sup>\*</sup> or "and strengthened"

# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



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- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee I will ever give to thee.
- 3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives; quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi. À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive, affermis ma faible foi; tes louanges, tes louanges, à jamais je chanterai, à jamais je chanterai.

# And the following..

- 32 A light is gleaming
- -14 Come, we that love the Lord (first tune)
- 15 Come, we that love the Lord (second tune)
- -40 Lead, kindly light
- 421 Lead on, O cloud of presence
- 151 Lift high the cross
- 120 O Jesus, I have promised
- 595 We are pilgrims on a journey