St. Davids-Queenston United Church

April 7, 2024, 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter

"Never regret a day in your life: Good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories." Unknown.

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#79 "Arise, Your Light is Come"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Today is the second Sunday of Easter – Two Sundays in which we have celebrated the hallelujah of resurrection and new life as members of the family of God.

All: We light the Christ candle knowing with certainty that it is Christ who draws us together.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as people on a journey.

All: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and are still beloved by God.

One: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

All: We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.

One: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

All: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

One: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here.

All: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions.

GATHERING PRAYER

All: God of the prophets and apostles, come to us in the power of the Risen Christ. Remove from us disabling doubts and fears. Inspire us, through your Holy Spirit, to lives of love and service, for the sake of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) VU #960

ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT:

Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace, Grow in Christian Faith and Go in Community Service.

<u>LEARN TOGETHER:</u> (Jackson Travers will be playing 'Gavotte')

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 "The purpose of John's Gospel"

EPISTLE READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2 "God is light: journey in the light"

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SACRED MUSIC: "Everytime I Feel the Spirit" (Choir)

SERMON: "Purpose"

*HYMN: VU#282 "Long Before the Night (This Ancient Love)"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN VU#236 "Now Thank We All Our God" (verse 3)

All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*OFFERING PRAYER

All: Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* CLOSING HYMN: VU#187 "The Spring Has Come"

*COMMISSIONING AND 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 and fellowship in the CE Hall following the Worship service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd...

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the Lay Reader, to Lisa and the choir for their musical contribution, Jackson Travers for playing 'Gavotte' during Learn Together and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The Worship and Faith Life committee will meet today following the Worship service.

The Property Committee will meet today following the Worship service.

Today is Tooney Sunday. There is a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected will go to support local mission outreach projects.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, April 10th at 1:30 pm.

Beef-on-a-Bun this Friday, April 12, 2024 at 6pm. Adults \$13.00, Children (12& under) \$5.00. Please let Doug McArthur know if you are able to donate a pie.

The Trustees invite any and all to join in our Cemetery Spring clean up on **Saturday**, **April 27th 9:30-noon**. Mainly cleaning up branches and trimming bushes.

Continuing prayers have been requested for, Bob Kerr, Owen Calhoun, Isobel Griffiths, Eleanor MacDonald, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Margaret Ballantyne, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Marcia Tyrrell.

The Niagara Festival of Performing Arts will be held at St. Davids Queenston United Church on the following days and is open to the public at no charge.

Sunday April 7th -Strings - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday April 8th - Strings - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday April 8th - Classical Voice - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 9th - Classical Voice - 9:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday April 12th - Classical Piano - 1:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday April 13th - Classical Piano - 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Musical Theatre will be held at Trillium United Church in St. Catharines on Wednesday and Thursday April 10 and 11th from 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

We hope you can drop by to see some of the amazing performances by Niagara's young musicians!

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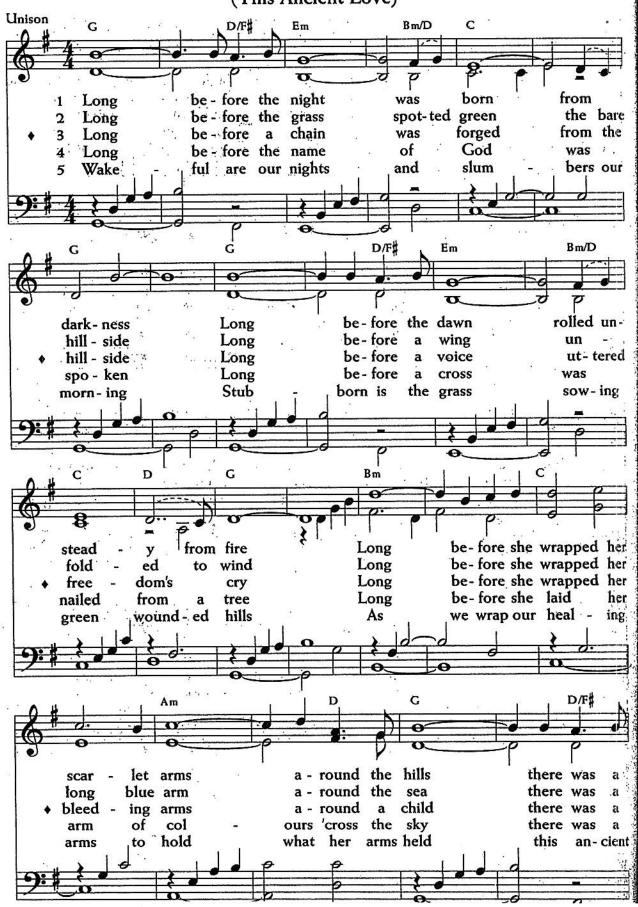
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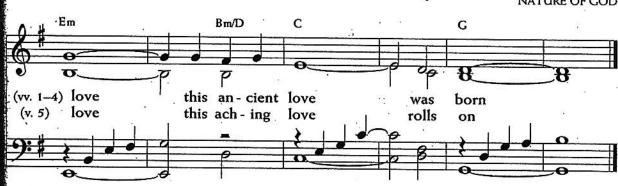
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(This Ancient Love)



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