St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 3, 2024, 10:30am, Third Sunday in Lent Annual Meeting Sunday

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: MV# 1 "Let Us Build a House"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) As we light this candle in this Annual Meeting Sunday, we ask you to set our hearts on fire with love for your church. May this flame, which represents Your love, power, and nature, burn bright in us, and shine through our church so that our neighbors, and the world, may know the wonder of Your love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Unless God builds the house, those who built it labour in vain.

We have come to celebrate God,

the God who guided our ancestors to build this house.

We have come to celebrate God, the God who is with us even now.

We have come to give thanks for our past

and to seek God's presence and guidance now and for the future.

GATHERING PRAYER

Although we are here in church again, O God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you would have us be, or that we would like to be. We have complained about church attendance, but may have done little to invite our neighbours. We have fallen short when we ought to have upheld your ways in our daily life. We have failed to embrace your holy vision of what we might be as a community of faith serving you in this world. We have been slow to use and share all our gifts for the benefit of all your children, here at home and across the world. Forgive us, we pray, God of mercy and kindness, and guide us in your paths again. Amen.

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 #577 "I've Got Peace like a River"

(Youth and Children's time)

I've got *peace like a river, I've got *peace like a river,

I've got *peace like a river in-a my soul.

(Sing Once, *2, Love, *3, Joy)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27

This is the Word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God!

SACRED MUSIC: "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Valerie Zuk)

SERMON: "For the Sake of Love"

HYMN: VU#402 "We are One"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORDS PRAYER

*OFFERTORY HYMN: "Hearts Full and Ready" We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready

Because of Your grace and provision All of creation, it cries for redemption The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion

The hands of one join hands with the many Our time, our talent, our treasure We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts And use them in Your love's good measure.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, bless the gifts we offer as one body of Christ. We pray they bring healing and hope to everyone whose lives they touch. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN VU# 510 "We Have This Ministry"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Let us go from here seeking justice, loving kindness, and living humbly with God

Let us go and be the church for the sake of love.

And now may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer be and abide with all of us this day, this year, and forevermore. **Amen.**

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

Feb 14(Wed) ~ Mar 30(Sat), 2024, **Lent in 2024**: Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar.

Mar 24(Sun), 2024: Palm Sunday

Mar 25(Mon)-March 30(Sat): Holy Week

-Mar 28(Thur) at 7pm: Maundy Thursday (Hand Washing Service)

-Mar 29(Fri) at 10:30am: Good Friday Service

Mar 31 at 10:30am: Easter Sunday, Communion Sunday

Mar 6(Wed), 2024: at 7pm: "United in Truth", Bible Study Group

Mar 8 (Fri), 2024: at 6pm: "Beef on a Bun", 'Safe Haven' the Youth Group will join.

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd...

Mar 17 (Sun), 2024: Youth and Sunday School Funday + Bowling, please RSVP no later than Mar 10(Sun).

Please join us for a Potluck luncheon in the CE hall following the Annual Meeting today.

Welcome & thank you to Sharree Eidt for playing the piano for the service this morning.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Valerie Zuk for her solo, to the choir for their Musical contribution and to Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

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.

Beef-on-a-Bun **this Friday**, March 8, 2024 at 6pm. Adults \$13.00, Children (12& under) \$5.00. Please let Doug McArthur know if you are able to donate a pie.

Prayers for Marilyn Fox-Calhoun & Owen Calhoun as Marilyn makes her move to Niagara Falls, and as Owen remains in Niagara Falls General hospital. Marilyn has requested no visits at the hospital at this time.

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

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Michael Fisher & Paula Shant, Rebecca Gandey & Danny Hatfield, Johanna O'Brien & husband Steve Corfe, Susan & Jim O'Brien, parents of Johanna O'Brien, Dawn & Ron Walsh and families, Sandra & John Dunn, Parents of Patti Pozzobon, Laurie Reed, wife Judith and their family, Wendy & Peter Dean, Jennifer Fulton, Marion & John Smith, Barbara Redner, Kelly & Rob Dolihan and Lawrence Dempsy.

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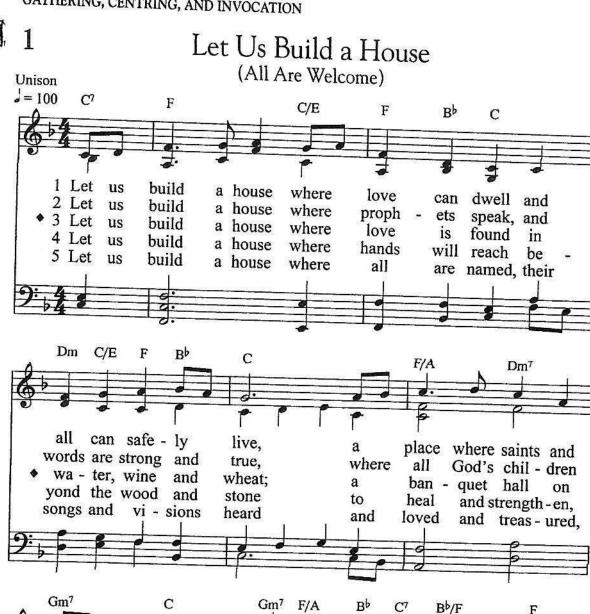
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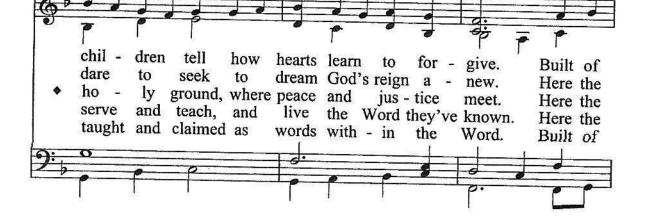
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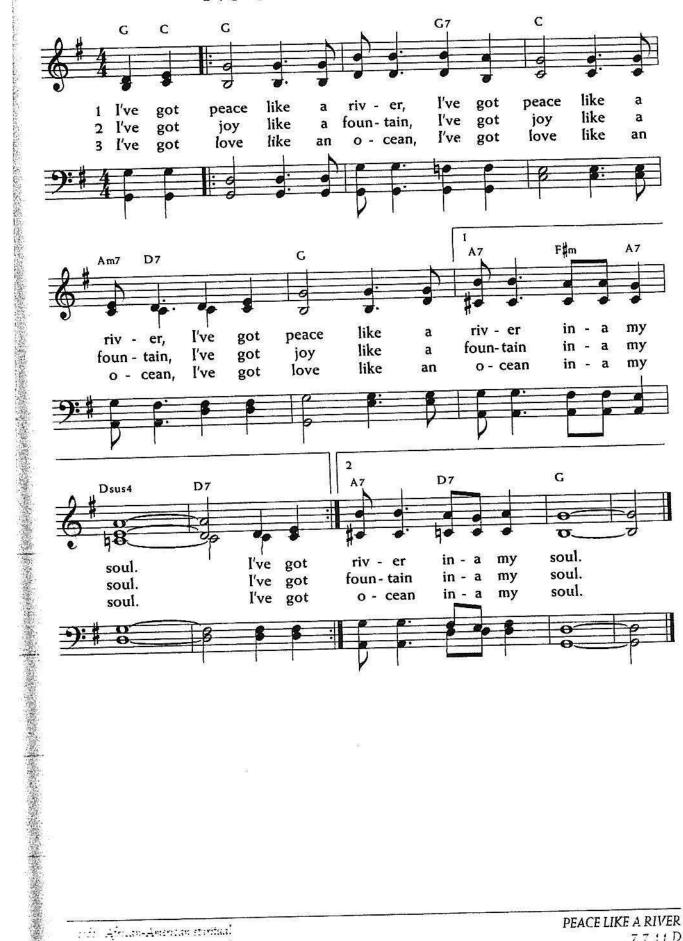






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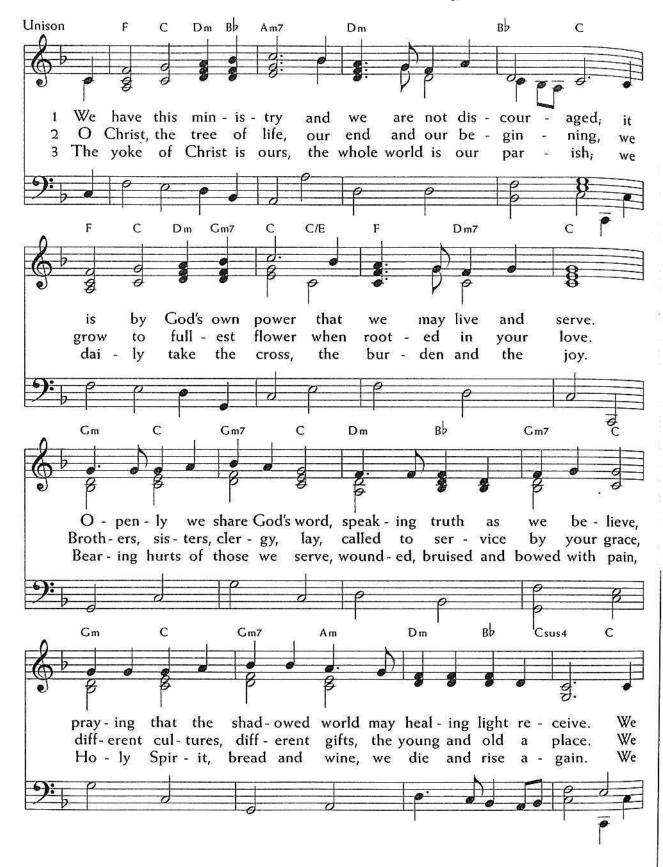
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