

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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MV

GATHERING, CENTRING, AND INVOCATION

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Let Us Build a House

(All Are Welcome)

Unison

♩ = 100

C⁷ F C/E F B^b C

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 ♦ 3 Let us build a house where love is found in
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

Dm C/E F B^b C F/A Dm⁷

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 ♦ wa - ter, wine and wheat; a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ F/A B^b C⁷ B^b/F F

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ♦ ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C F F/A

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 ♦ love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

B^b F B^b A⁷ Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 ♦ space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace; let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am⁷ Gm/B^b F/C

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

Gm⁷/C C⁷ F B^b/F F B^b/F F B^b/F F Fine F/C

in this place.

I've Got Peace like a River

577

G C G G7 C

1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

Am7 D7 G I A7 F#m A7

riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
 foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in - a my
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

2 Dsus4 D7 A7 D7 G

soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

We Are One

C Em/B Gm6/Bb A7

1 We are one as we come, as we come, joy - ful to be
 2 We are one as we share, as we share bro - ken - ness and
 3 We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace be - comes the
 4 We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand u -

Dm Bb Dm/A

here, in the praise on our lips there's a
 fear, in the touch of a hand there's a
 sign, in the bread and the wine there's a
 nite, in the word we re - ceive there's a

G7sus4 G7 C G7sus4 G7 C

sense that God is near. We are one as we
 sense that God is here. We are one as we
 sense of love di - vine. We are one as we
 sense that God is light. We are one as we

Em Gm C7 F

sing, as we seek, we are found, and we
 care, as we heal, we are healed, and we
 come, as we feed, we are fed, and we
 leave, as we love, we are loved, and we

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff.

Chords: F, B7, C/G, A7, Dm, G7, C

Lyrics:

come need - ful of God's grace as we meet, to - ge - ther in this place.
share warmth in God's em - brace as we pray to - ge - ther in this place.
feel God's re - fresh - ing grace as we meet at ta - ble in this place.
seek jus - tice in God's ways as we move to - ge - ther from this place.

Music: Doreen Lanksbear-Smith 1988

Lyrics: Jeeva Sam 1987, arr. David Kai 1995

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WE ARE ONE

Irregular

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510

We Have This Ministry

Unison F C Dm Bb Am7 Dm Bb C

1 We have this min - is - try and we are not dis - cour - aged, it
 2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our be - gin - ning, we
 3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our par - ish, we

F C Dm Gm7 C C/E F Dm7 C

is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
 grow to full - est flower when root - ed in your love.
 dai - ly take the cross, the bur - den and the joy.

Gm C Gm7 C Dm Bb Gm7 C

O - pen - ly we share God's word, speak - ing truth as we be - lieve,
 Broth - ers, sis - ters, cler - gy, lay, called to ser - vice by your grace,
 Bear - ing hurts of those we serve, wound - ed, bruised and bowed with pain,

Gm C Gm7 Am Dm Bb Csus4 C

pray - ing that the shad - owed world may heal - ing light re - ceive. We
 diff - erent cul - tures, diff - erent gifts, the young and old a place. We
 Ho - ly Spir - it, bread and wine, we die and rise a - gain. We

PROFESSION OF FAITH, ORDINATION, COMMISSIONING, INSTALLATION

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the melody. The chords are indicated by letters above the treble staff: F, C, Dm, Bb, Am7, Bb, C, Dm, C, F.

have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our liv - ing.
have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our giv - ing.
have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our lov - ing.