

# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

January 7, 2024, 10:30am, New Year's Day Service

## 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

As we pause at the door of a new year and prepare to cross its threshold, let us carry the peace of Christ's love in our hearts and our lives, so that we may make peace possible in our time. *(The Christ candle is lit.)* **Let this candlelight shine throughout our daily lives that all may know we follow in Christ's way. May the light of peace shine through us to all of God's children. May it be so.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather together, people of God, on the threshold of a new year.

**Our amazing Creator has great things in store for us. Wondrous surprises await. But we must pause.**

Be patient. Be hopeful. Be diligent.

**We know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's coming. Let us worship our God, who continues to bless us with enduring love.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

**In our time together at the beginning of a new year, keep alive in us the hope of the angels' song. Help us notice the possibility of peace in the child's cries. Push us to live out the love of the babe in the manger. At this time of celebrating new beginnings, we enter the new year with faith. At this time of looking ahead, we move into the unknown with hope. At this time of new commitment to following in the footsteps of Jesus, we proceed forward together as God's family. Loving God, as we turn the calendar page, reveal to us the joy of new beginnings found in you. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #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.**

## 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: Revelation 21:1 – 7

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 10-11

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

SACRED MUSIC: “Where the Promise Shines” (Choir)

SERMON: “New Year Guided by God”

\* HYMN: VU #568    “Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Marianne McRae)

HYMN #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!**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

\*OFFERTORY HYMN “Your Work, O God, Need Many Hands”

*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.*

*Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus’ sake.*

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**We discover Jesus, friend and sibling, in all our neighbours, near and far away. May we reflect your love and grace, O God, and through these gifts of time and money, do for others all that we would do for Jesus. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN VU# 713            “I See a New Heaven”

\*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Now may the peace and promises of our God go with you. May the Alpha and Omega—your beginning, your ending, and your eternal home—guide and strengthen you. Go in peace and love in the name of the Christ. **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

**Epiphany** is the end of the Christmas season, when we remember the Magi's visit with the Holy Family. The season runs until the first Sunday of Lent. Jan 6(Sat) ~ Feb 11(Sun), 2024.

Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the CE hall following the worship service this morning.

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Marianne McRae for being the Lay Reader, to the choir for their musical contribution and to Steve Hardaker/Bill Utting for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

**Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** (Fri) at 6-8:30 pm, first meeting in 2024 for Safe Haven (Youth Group)

**Jan 24** (Wed), 2024 at 7:00 pm: "United in Truth", Bible Study Group.

- Helps people feel more connected to the church.
- Allows members to form deeper bonds with each other.
- Listen and learn from each other.
- Helps Christians practice and grow in faith.

**Jan 27<sup>th</sup>** (Sat), 2023 at 10:00am: The Niagara Association of United Churches Gathering in St. Davids-Queenston United Church

Please consider helping with the sidewalk snow removal during the winter months. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Kitchen.

Today is "Tooney Sunday." There is a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the Kitchen. All money collected will be going to support local Mission Outreach projects.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

**Beef-on-a-Bun this Friday**, January 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.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Marilyn & Owen Calhoun, 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 Rebecca Gandeay & Danny Hatfield, Johanna O'Brien & husband Steve Corfe, Susan & Jim O'Brien, parents of Johanna O'Brien, Jeffrey Nelson and his parents Ruth & Peter Nelson, Dawn & Ron Walsh and families, Sandra & John Dunn, Parents of Patti Pozzobon, Laurie Reed, wife Judith and their family, Gayle Vanesch, her Husband Peter and their Families, Wendy & Peter Dean, Jennifer & Stewart Fulton, Marion & John Smith, Barbara Redner, Kelly & Rob Dolihan and Lawrence Dempsey.

## Arise, Your Light Is Come

Descant

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D (A) D A E B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey, show  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A (E) D (A) Bm B7 E (A) D (A) Esus4 E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Words: Ruth Duck 1974

Music: William H. Walker 1872, desc. Diana McLeod 1995

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FESTAL SONG

6 6 8 6

F Dm C F C(7) Dm C7 F C

Our Fa - ther, who art in heaven, hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom

This system contains the first two staves of music. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

C Gm D7 Gm C F Bb F C F

come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day

This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The melody continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, followed by a half note G5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Dm C F C7 Dm C7 F C Gm D7

our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give

This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The melody features a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F5, E5, and D5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Gm C F Bb F C F Dm C F

them that tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,

This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The melody has a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F5, E5, and D5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

C7 Dm C7 F C

but de - liv - er us from e - vil: for thine is the king - dom and the

This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The melody consists of a half note G5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Gm D7 Gm C F Bb Csus4 C7 F Bb Bbm F

power and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

This system contains the eleventh and twelfth staves of music. The melody has a half note G5, followed by quarter notes F5, E5, and D5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the staves.

# I've Got Peace like a River

577



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



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




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.








1 Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me stead - fast,  
 2 Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me fol - low  
 3 Now with con - fi - dence I sing joy - ous prais - es




wise, and strong; hap - py most of all to know that my  
 and o - bey faith - ful - ly your words of life, that your  
 to our God, and with up - right heart I give ten - der

## Refrain



dear Lord loves me so.  
 love ev - er a - bide. Praise to God, fount of love,  
 care and sym - pa - thy.



praise from morn till the set of sun; praise at home,



praise in church; praise to God ev - ery - where on earth.

Words: Francisca Asuncion 1983

Music: Philippine folk melody; arr. by Francisca Asuncion 1983

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COTTAGE GROVE

7 7 7 7 with refrain

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together in groups. The lyrics are distributed across six lines of music, with the vocal parts often moving in parallel motion. The final line of music concludes with a double bar line.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your  
Spir - it in this place, Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren  
pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Words: Ken Medema 1970

Music: Ken Medema 1970

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CHILDREN PRAYING

9 8 9 9



# Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537

D G D A D G D Em7 D E7 D A



1 Your work, O God, needs ma - ny hands to help you ev - ery - where,  
2 Be - cause we love you and your work, our of - fering now we make:



D G D F# Bm A D G D G D A7 D



and some there are who can - not serve un - less our gifts we share.  
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Je - sus' sake.



Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt.  
Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831

KILMARNOCK  
8 6 8 6

## I See a New Heaven

Refrain Bb Eb Bbsus4 Bb Eb

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old

Ab Bb Eb Gm Cm

one will pass a - way, where the foun- tain of life flows

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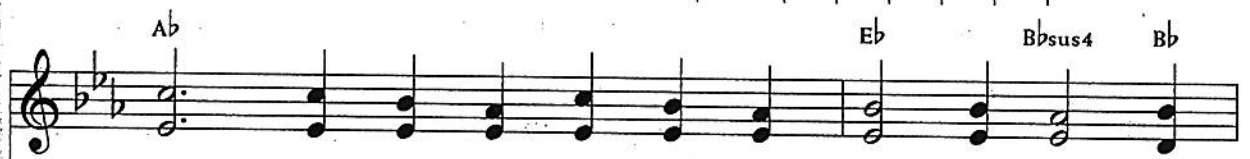
Cm Gm Bb Ab Bb Eb<sup>7</sup> Fine



and with-out price goes to all peo - ple who a-bide in the land.



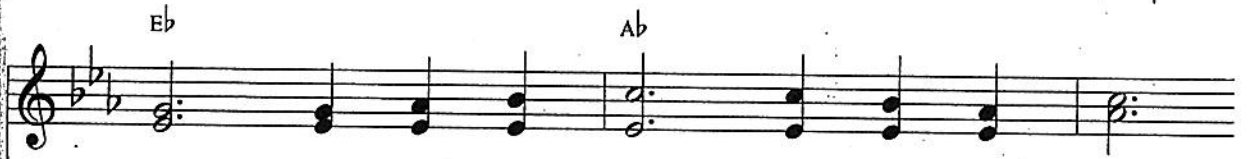
Ab Eb Bb<sup>sus4</sup> Bb



- 1 There, there on the banks of a riv - er bright and
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born a -
- 3 There, there where the dark - ness brings vi - sions from a -
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of heal - ing



Eb Ab



free, yield - ing her fruit, firm in her root,  
gain, bod - y and soul, strug - gling but whole  
bove. There where the night, bear - ing new light,  
hands. La - bour we must, true to our trust



Adim7 Eb Bb Eb Bb D.C.



the Tree of Life will be.  
like flow - ers af - ter the rain.  
re - veals the prom - ise of love.  
to build a prom - ised new land.

