St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 10, 2024, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday in Lent World Day of Prayer 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# 223 "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.)

O God, as light comes from this candle,

May the peace of Jesus Christ come to us,

Warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world.

and to us, as we wait for your peace. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER

Welcome to the 2024 World Day of Prayer worship service.

Salaam. Peace be with you.

And also with you

We gather in the Name of the Trinity:

Our God, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Loving God, walk with us as we journey through the land where you lived and taught. Open our eyes to see the present suffering of the inhabitants of this land. Grant us the strength and courage to act and pray with all who suffer around the world. Amen.

Let us praise God who brings us together to worship in love and unity.

Unifying God, reigning far above our earthly differences in views and theology, help us remember these essential qualities of faith: humility, gentleness, patience and love.

We confess our weakness and failure to accept others without judging them.

We endeavour to be humble and patient as we face challenges in our families, society, community and church.

With gentleness and love we can overcome difficulties.

We remain strong in our faith, knowing that we belong to God. 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> 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, Jov)

A STORY OF RESILIENCE

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-7

Matthew 5: 9-12

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

SACRED MUSIC: (Bob Prentice)

A STORY OF TRUTH TELLING

SERMON: "Blessed are the Peacemakers!!!"

* HYMN: VU #684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

A STORY OF FLOURISHING

*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

Knowing that you are the source of hope, O God, we offer our gifts in support of Christian worship and education. We provide them also to heal the inequalities and damage caused when humanity has acted as if we are God. Bless our gifts and our giving. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN VU # 215 "Hope of the World"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

I have good news! You have everything you need to live a life of peace.

You are created for peace, redeemed by love, and inhabited by hope.

Go now in the power of that love and draw others into this holy circle.

And when you fail, as we all will fail, trust that God's love will never fail. Get up and carry on. 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

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

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

Mar 17 (Sun), 2024: Youth and Sunday School Funday + Bowling, please RSVP to Rev. Baek, no later than Mar 11(Sun) 2024.

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

The Flowers today are in loving memory of Gavin Gardner. They have been placed by Gavin's wife Elma and their children.

Welcome and thank you to Anthony Scaringi for playing the piano for the service today.

Thank you to Sue Foss for being the greeter, to Marianne McRae for being the lay reader, to Marianne McRae and Melanie Kelch for reading the special Stories, to Bob Prentice for his solo, to the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, March 13th at 1:30 pm.

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 and Anthony Logan Siconolfi

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Douglas Culle, father of Tian Perrella and family, Michael Fisher & Paula Chant, Wendy & Peter Dean, Rebecca Gandey & Danny Hatfield, Johanna O'Brien & husband Steve Corfe, Susan & Jim O'Brien, parents of Johanna O'Brien, Barbara Redner, Kelly & Rob Dolihan and Lawrence Dempsy. Sandra & John Dunn parents of Patti Pozzobon, Laurie Reed, wife Judith and their family

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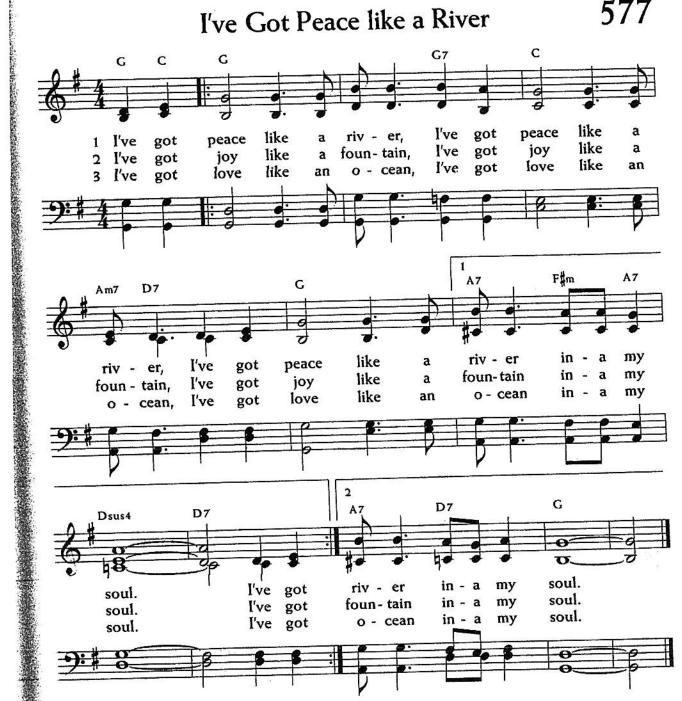
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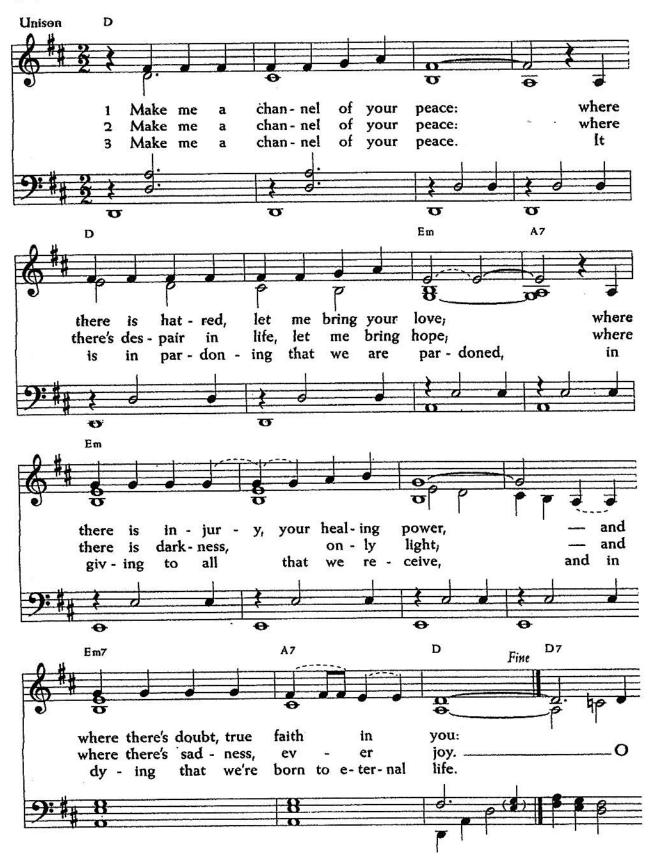


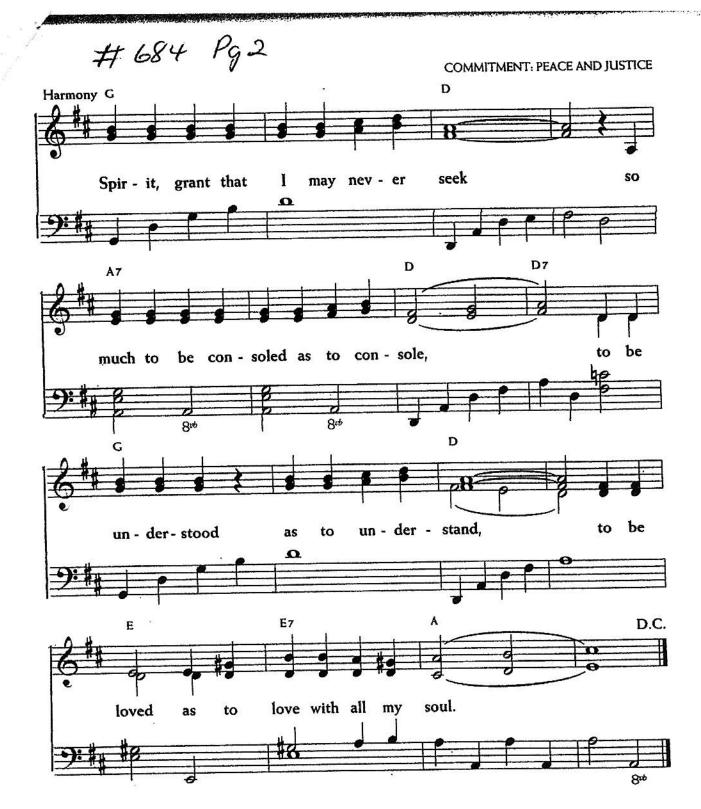
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Music: melody in Genevan Psalter 1551, harm. adapt. from Claude Goudinel 1565