St. Davids-Queenston United Church

February 11, 2024, 10:30am, Black History Month

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# 218 "We Praise You, O God"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) God of incredible radiance, the light of a lone candle casts its path a surprising distance. May this light remind us of the infinite ways that Jesus the Christ illumines our life. Let all we are reflect Christ's grace. In the name of the Holy One, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing songs of praise to God.

Let us rejoice in God our Creator.

Let us lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us cry out to the one who saves us.

Let us dedicate our lives to serve God with joy.

Let us offer ourselves to the work of the kin'dom.

Let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, there are so many different reasons we have come to worship. Yet your call remains the same. Whether this is our first time in worship after a long absence or part of a long streak of attendance, your welcome remains the same. Remind us again today that it is not all about us. Worship is about you, O God. Living is about serving you. Receive us. Forgive us. Turn our attention away from ourselves, toward you, your world, and your people. It is not about us. It does not all depend on us. It all hinges on you, O God. All praise to you forever! 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.

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: Luke 7: 1-10, 11-17

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

SACRED MUSIC: 'Prayer for the Children' (Allan Cobham)

SERMON: "Courage for Those You Love!!"

* HYMN: VU# 472 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

VOICES FROM BLACK HISTORY MONTH (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: "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

As we give, so are we given. Even as our time and talents are useful and used, we discover the value of other people's offerings.

When we reach out in generosity, we discover the joy of joining together in giving. We are all God's children as we offer these gifts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN VU # 342 "You Servants of God"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Leave your burdens here and go in joy to love and serve our world.

You are loved with an everlasting love. You have been given a great gift. Go now to share it in peace. 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. Jan 6(Sat) ~ Feb 11(Sun), 2024.

The celebration of February as **Black History Month** (or African Heritage) is officially recognized in Canada since 1996, the United Church also honour the contributions and struggles of peoples of African descent.

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.

Feb 14(Wed), 2024 at 7pm: Ash Wednesday Service.

Feb 18(Sun), 2024: First Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday.

Please join us for coffee & fellowship 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 Allan Cobham for his solo, the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

Worship & Faith Life Committee will meet today following the worship service.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, February 14th at 1:30 pm.

Please consider helping with the sidewalk snow removal during the winter months. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Kitchen. (March still needs volunteers)

Continuing prayers have been requested for 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.

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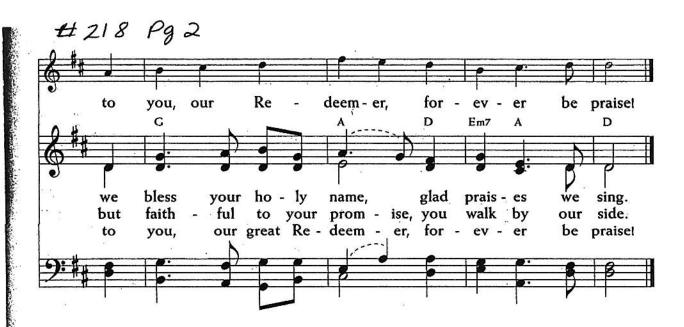
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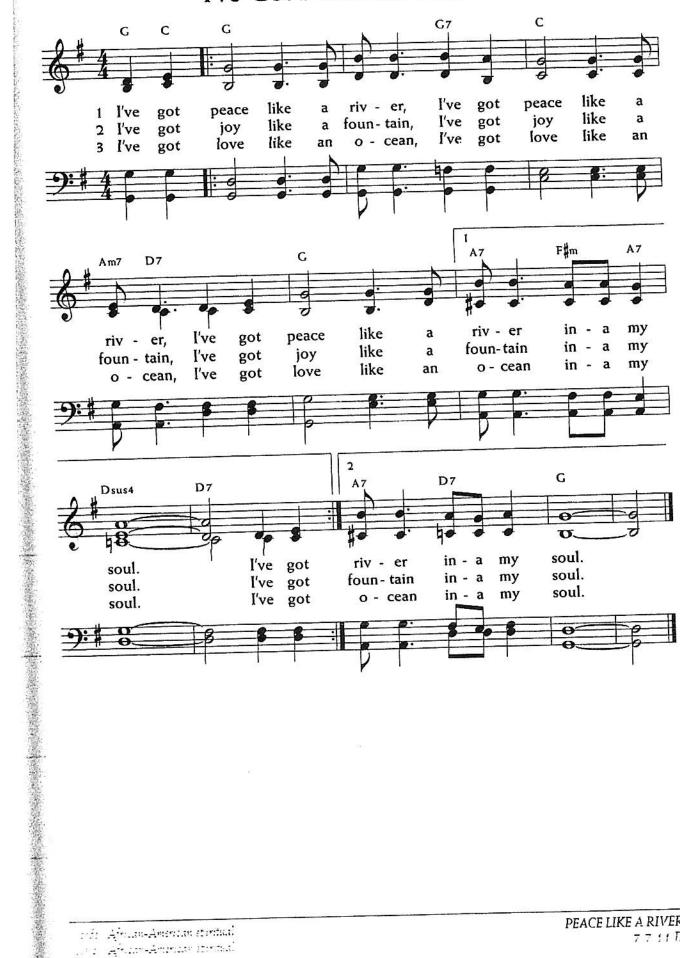
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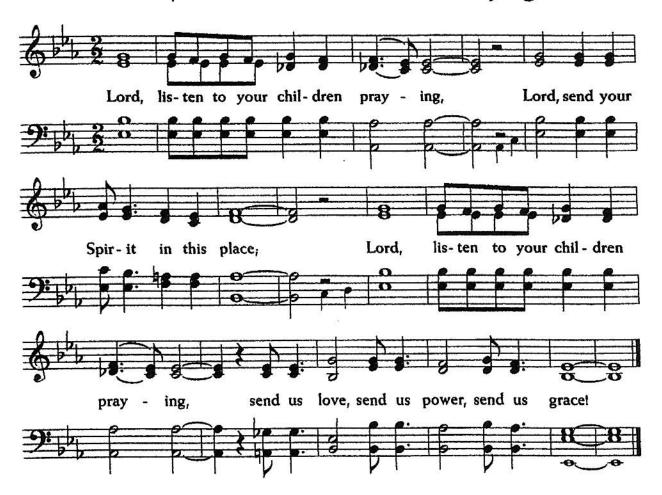


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CHILDREN PRAYING

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