

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

January 14, 2024, 10:30am, Second Sunday after Epiphany

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# 82 "A Light Is Gleaming"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) In the beginning, God gave light to the world. God's light shines still in the sun and the moon, in the stars above us. In time, God sent Christ to live among us and to shine with the glory of redemption and love. **We light this candle today to remind us of Christ, the light of God, our Saviour and Redeemer. May the light of Christ shine bright and true within each of us, for we, too, are the light of Christ.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the shadows and despair, the chaos and uncertainty that existed before the world was born...

God said: "Let there be light."

In the trials and temptations of everyday life, we seek assurance that we are not alone...

God says: "Let there be light."

In the journey to the future, inspired by mentors from the past, remaining open to the guidance of prophets from the future, we live with anticipation...

God will say: "Let there be light."

GATHERING PRAYER

God of the Cosmos, out of the mystery of your love and grace, the right combination of elements and heat have burst forth to become stars and planets. And we, amazed, are part of this wonder, formed of stardust. As you guided the magi to the Living Light by the lights of the heavens, guide our lives that we might draw nearer to your presence. Grant us the wisdom to bow before your mystery, offering our gifts and rejoicing in the blessing we have found. 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: Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 60:1-6

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

SACRED MUSIC: “Holy is Your Name” (Choir)

SERMON: “The Faith of the Magi”

* HYMN: VU # 81 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Valerie Zuk)

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

**As long ago, the magi brought their gifts, so have we brought our gifts this day, O God. We offer them now,
signs of our love and
commitment to you and to your work. Receive our gifts and, with them, the gifts of our hearts and living.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN MV #161 “I Have Called You By Your Name”

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As we leave this place, we take with us the assurance that God has promised to guide us in our days, to challenge, strengthen, and restore us. We go into the world confident in God’s abundant love, so abundant that we cannot bear to keep it for ourselves. **We go now as sharers of the light. 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 Judy Kerr for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk 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.

Would the greeters please be sure to check the updated list to be sure you are aware of your scheduled upcoming dates.

Jan 19(Fri), 2024 at 6:00p: Youth Group, "Safe Haeven"

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(Sat), 2023 at 10:00am: The Niagara Association of United Churches Gathering in St. Davids-Queenston United Church

The Church Board will meet this Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30 pm in the CE hall.

The 2023 Tax Receipts are available on the table outside the kitchen. Thank you in advance for picking up your envelope so we can avoid the cost of having to mail them.

If you plan to put a donation in the special envelope (off white) for helping with the cost of the envelopes, please be aware that you will need to either write your name or envelope # on that envelope as the numbers are not pre-printed as they are on the regular envelopes.

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

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.

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.

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A Light Is Gleaming

Refrain (Unison)

F C7/F F Bb C F

A light is gleam - ing, spread - ing its arms through - out the

Bb C C7 F

night, liv - ing in the light.

F C7/F F Bb C F

Come share its glad - ness, God's ra - diant love is burn - ing

F C C7 F vv. 1-3 Final ending

bright, liv - ing in the light. (to verses)

B \flat C F Dm



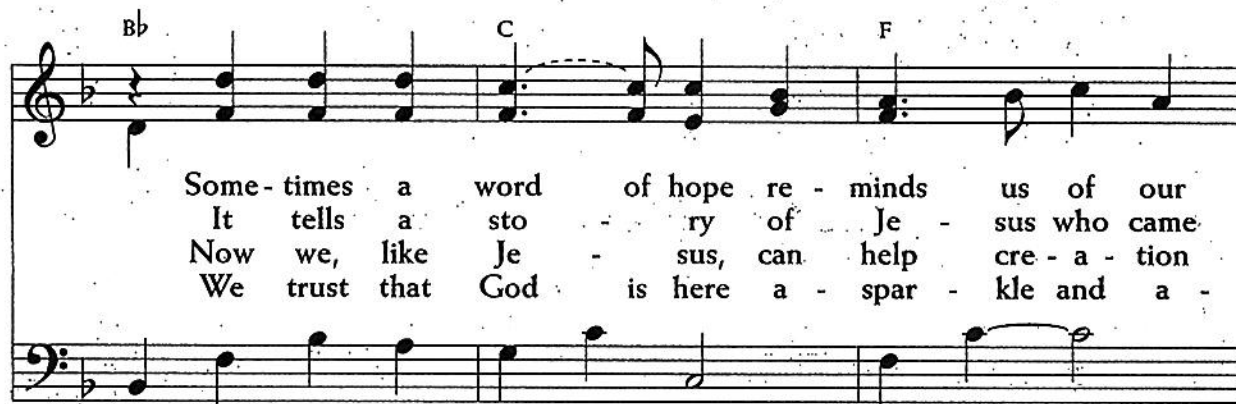
1 When light comes pour - ing in - to the dark - est place,
 2 When night is round us and ev - ery shad - ow grows,
 3 And Je - sus showed us a bright - er path to walk.
 4 So let us live in the bright - ness God has giv'n,

B \flat C F



it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
 a star is there to light our way.
 He showed us things we had - n't seen.
 and let us rise to see the dawn.

B \flat C F



Some - times a word of hope re - minds us of our
 It tells a sto - ry of Je - sus who came
 Now we, like Je - sus, can help cre - a - tion
 We trust that God is here a - spar - kle and a -

Dm B \flat Gm7 Csus4 C D.C.



fears,
 near to say: "God's light will ev - er stay."
 shine, and this will be a sign:
 blaze, — warm - ing all our days.

960 - The Lord's Prayer

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 quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4-Bb4, quarter notes C5-Bb4, and a half note A4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the musical progression. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

C7 Dm C7 F C

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

The fifth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

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.

The sixth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4-Bb4, and a half note C5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment, ending with a final chord.

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

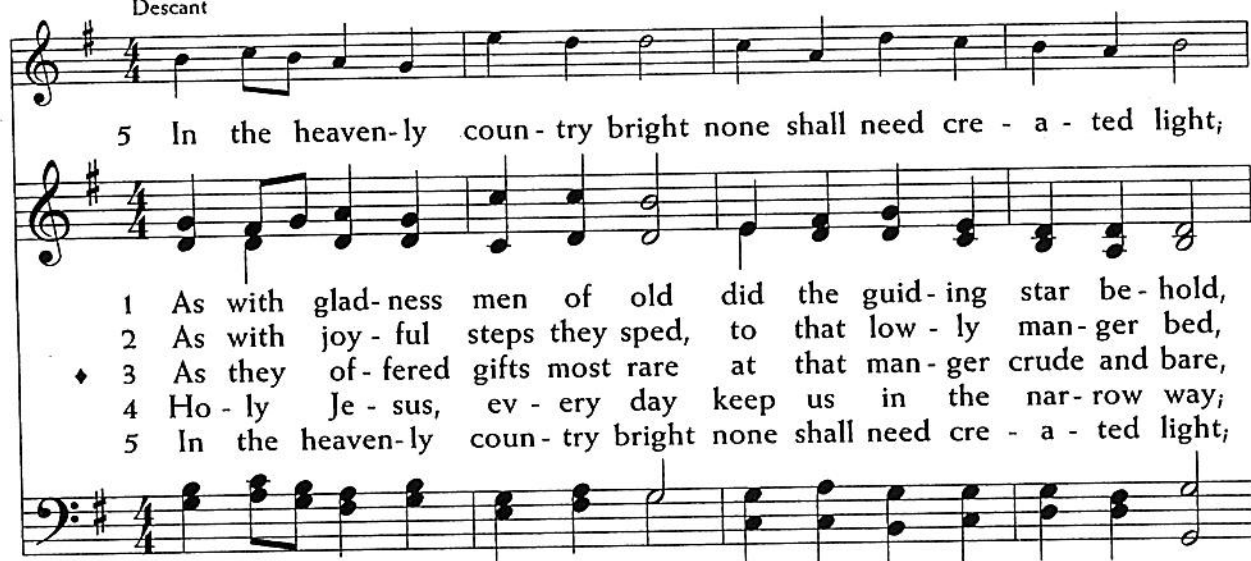
Am7 D7 G 1 A7 F#m A7

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.

Descant



5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre-a-ted light;

- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, to that low-ly man-ger bed,
 ♦ 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger crude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre-a-ted light;



you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;

- as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 there to bend the knee be-fore Christ, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 ♦ so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;



there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.

- so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more your splen-dour see.
 so may we with ea-ger pace ev-er seek your throne of grace.
 ♦ all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
 there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix ca. 1858, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher 1838; adapt. William H. Monk 1861, desc. Alan Gray 1920

DIX

7 7 7 7 7 7

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are distributed across six lines of music, with the final line ending in a double bar line. The lyrics are: "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!"

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

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Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537



- 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:



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
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161 I Have Called You by Your Name

(Tu sais...je t'ai appelé(e) par ton nom)

Unison

♩ = 60 C⁷sus⁴ C⁷

F

B^bC⁷F^{sus}⁴

F

1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have gift-ed you and ask you now to shine.
 read it writ-ten in my peo-ple, help them grow.
 feel it puls-ing in cre-a-tion's ebb and flow.
 I have giv-en you my Spir-it as a sign.

I will not a-ban-don you; all my prom-is-es are
 Pour the wa-ter in my name, speak the word your soul can
 Like the wo-man reach-ing out, choos-ing faith in spite of
 With my won-der in your soul, make my wound-ed chil-dren

true. You are gift-ed, called, and chos-en; you are mine.
 claim, of-fer Je-sus' bod-y giv-en long a-go.
 doubt, hold the hem of Je-sus' robe, then let it go.
 whole; go and tell my prec-ious peo-ple they are mine.

A hymn for ordination, commitment, and commissioning.