### St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 17, 2024, 10:30am, Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### 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 #395

"Come in, Come in and Sit Down"

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.)

This candle's flame reminds us of the light of Christ present in the world. The flame represents the risen Christ and is for us a symbol of love.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lent is an opportunity for a spiritual spring cleaning,

a chance to take and air out our experiences and thoughts,

time to consider them, organize them, and make decisions.

What have we learned? What is to be promoted or avoided?

As we prepare to move into a time of new joys and new uncertainties,

what can we use to rest firm in our faith?

Let us worship together, in part because it strengthens our resolve

to trust in God and live our lives in Christ.

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

In our lives and in the world, we bear too much mourning.

We seek your presence, O God, to make our hearts new and sustain us in your love.

With setbacks and crushed expectations, we have known too much crying.

We crave your comfort, O God, to make our dreams new and refresh us in your love.

Despite our striving, our hoping, and even our praying, we feel too much pain.

We need your healing, O God, to make our souls new and strengthen us in your love.

Be with us, O God, and make us your people.

Wipe away our tears and renew us in your love, through our worship and in our lives. 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)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Proverbs 22:1-6

Mark 10:13-16

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

SACRED MUSIC: "The Mystery" (Choir)

**SERMON:** "Becoming a Welcoming Church"

\* HYMN: VU# 445 "A Little Child the Saviour Came"

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 "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

Grace-Filled One, we uphold to you our offerings of time, talent, and finance. May they be agents of grace in a world in need. May they inspire your work throughout the world. Amen.

\* CLOSING HYMN VU # 652 "Be Still My Soul"

#### \*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

From the Bible, Jesus calls us to action, to restore God's house, so all of creation will be a place where everyone is welcomed in the blessings of God, free from hatred and injustice! Let us go forth to bring love, hope, and justice. **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 20(Wed), 2024: at 7pm: "United in Truth", Bible Study Group

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 Jerry Bergsma. They have been placed by Dianne Bergsma and family.

Thank you to Doug McArthur for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the lay reader, to the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

The Church Board will meet this Tuesday, March 19th at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday, March 24th, the Christian Education Committee and the Sunday school teachers will meet following the Worship service.

Our Easter Food Drive will begin today and continue up to and including Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

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 Marcia Tyrrell.

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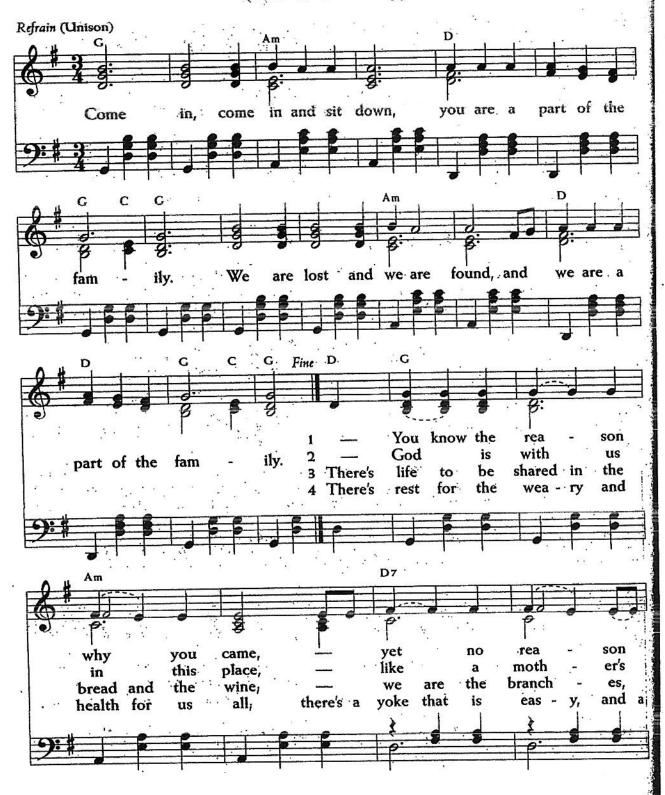
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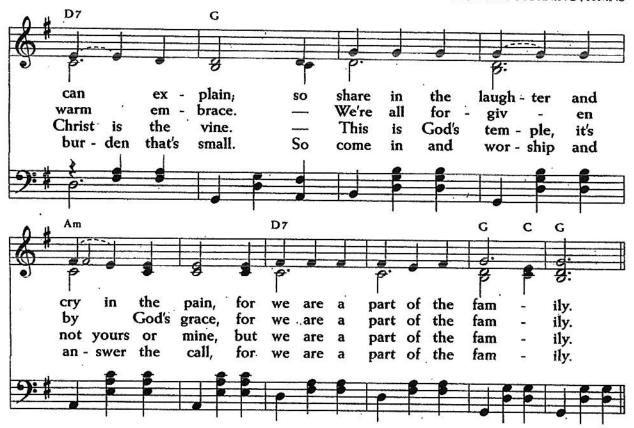
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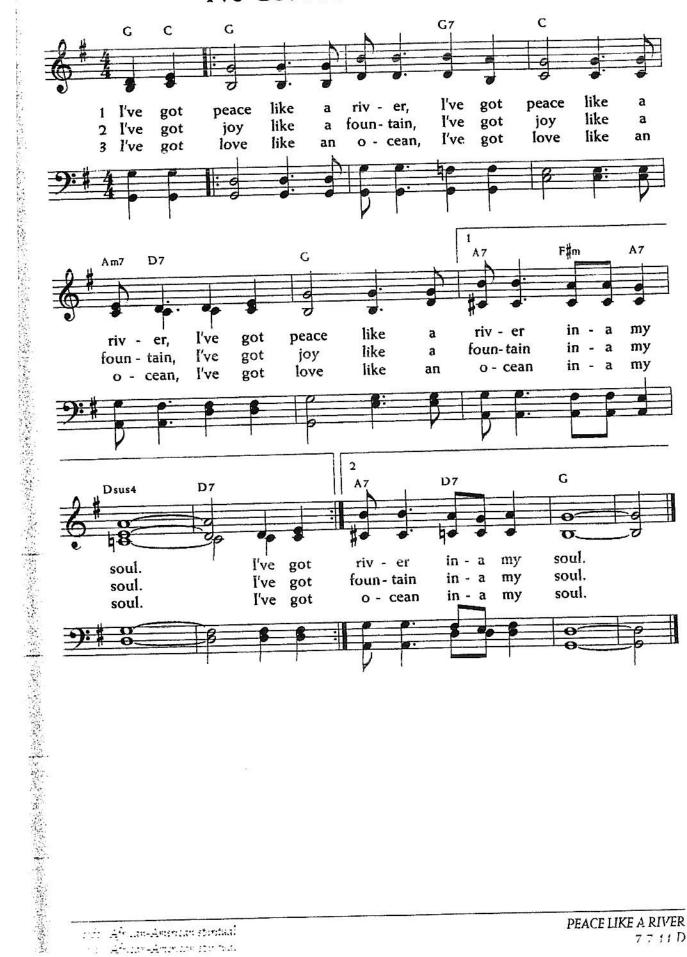


OPENING AND MORNING HYMNS





## I've Got Peace like a River



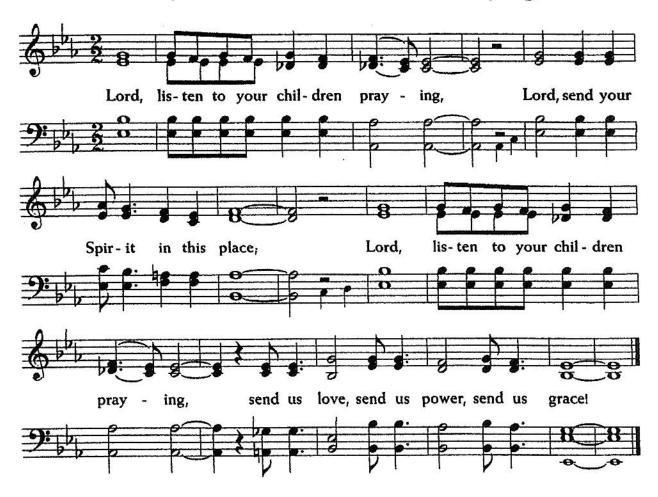
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## Be Still, My Soul



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