

# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

April 28, 2024, 10:30am, Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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# 264

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*(The Christ candle is lit.)* Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that God, through Jesus, is always with us.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather together, people of God! Come to this sacred space, this building, these pews, these floors, and this ceiling.

**Recognize the work of those who came before us!**

Yes, recognize ALL that those who came before us have left for us: the love of this community, the shared sacred story, the ministry in the world we have shared.

**They shaped the world. We are shaping the world of today!**

Yes, you have shaped the world we live in. You've contributed to God's kin'dom. Now let us explore how we shape the world of tomorrow, how we might use our worship to bring God's dream into reality, how we might plan for the future.

**We come to encounter the divine presence and to let it transform us!**

## GATHERING PRAYER

**Having experienced the strains of your voice, we come to worship you, Good Shepherd. Where you lead us, may we follow and know who you are and who you would have us become. Be with us as we worship this day that it may be a time that moves us a little further on our journey with you. 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: "I Love It" (Youth and Children's time)

*I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them*

*I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!*

*I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 6:24-30

Romans 8:1-5

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

SACRED MUSIC: 'Lead Me Lord' (Choir)

SERMON: "When Empathy is Needed"

HYMN: VU# 600 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

MINUTE FOR MISSION (Larry 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: "Seek Ye First the kin'dom of God" (v1)

*Seek ye first the king'om of God and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, hallelujah.*

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of questions and answers, of doubt and belief, these gifts we bring are our response to the queries about your way. As you invite us to share in all the mysteries of life, we give thanks that you bless us continually. Receive all that is presented—assurances, questions, answers, blessings, and longings. May our gifts be a source of new life in this world. Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN VU# 242 "Let All Things Now Living"

\*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go out from here, and as you go about your daily lives, remember to place it all before God. **Embrace the goodness that God has placed around you and share that blessing with others in our community.** Let God work in you and bring out the best in you.

Go now to love and serve the Lord with love, laughter, and kindness to all. **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

**Asian Heritage Month:** The celebration of May as Asian Heritage Month begins in May. Officially recognized in Canada since 2002, this is a time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society. We will listen to their life and faith stories in the service.

Please join us for Coffee, Cake & Fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service, as we celebrate all those who have a birthday in April.

Welcome & thank you to Anthony Scaringi for playing the piano for us today.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Anthony & the choir for their musical contribution and to Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship service this morning.

Next Sunday, May 5th: **238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday**, we will have a Guest Speaker: **Dr. Emo Yango** who works at the national office of The United Church of Canada as a Growth Coordinator in the Organizational Development and Strategy Unit. This includes working with migrant/diasporic communities of faith, racial justice, and intercultural ministries. He holds a doctorate in missiology.

Also, next Sunday, May 5th, there will be a Congregational potluck lunch following the service to celebrate our **238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**.

**TODAY AT 2 P.M.!** The Niagara Festival of Performing Arts Gala Concert at Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines featuring outstanding Niagara musicians in classical piano, strings, musical theatre and classical voice plus presentations of scholarships and awards. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door to the scholarship fund.

Next Sunday, May 5th, will be "Tooney Sunday." There will be a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the Kitchen. All the money collected will be going to support local mission outreach projects.

Bell has installed a new Internet accessible network at our church. The old one is no longer available. If you have a need to be connected to the Internet while at the church doing church business, please see Steve Hardaker or Darlene Romanowsky to obtain the new log-in credentials.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Al DesRoches, Sheila Dougan, Derrick Herriott, Bob Kerr, Owen Calhoun, Isobel Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Margaret Ballantyne, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Marcia Tyrrell.

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# 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small,  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

G C Am D G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all,  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight,

G D G (Em) D G D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee!

# #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

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

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

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,

C7 Dm C7 F C

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

Gm D7 Gm C F Bb Cmaj7 C7 F Bb Bbm F

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

# I Love It!

Words. Yujene  
Music. Haewook



G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

I love it I love it I love it I love it Je - sus said

6 Am D7 Bm7 Em Am7 D7 G

Let the children come to me do not stop them! I

10 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it Je - sus

14 Am D7 Bm7 Em Am7 D7 G

took the children in his arms blessed them! I

18 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it I love you Je- sus I

22 G B7 Em E/G# Am D7 G

love it I love it I love it I love it I love it!

600

## When I Needed a Neighbour

Unison

1 When I need - ed a neigh - bour, were you there, were you there?  
 2 I was hun - gry and thirs - ty, were you there, were you there?  
 3 I was cold, I was nak - ed, were you there, were you there?  
 4 When I need - ed a heal - er, were you there, were you there?  
 5 Wher - ev - er you trav - el I'll be there, I'll be there,

When I need - ed a neigh - bour, were you there?  
 I was hun - gry and thirs - ty, were you there?  
 I was cold, I was nak - ed, were you there?  
 When I need - ed a heal - er, were you there?  
 where - ev - er you trav - el I'll be there.

(Refrain: vv. 1-4)  
 And the creed and the col - our and the name won't mat - ter, were you there?  
 (Refrain: v. 5)  
 And the creed and the col - our and the name won't mat - ter, I'll be there.

## Verses for Holy Week

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| 1 When they shouted hosanna,<br>were you there...?   | 3 When the crosses were crooked,<br>were you there...? |
| 2 When they took me to prison,<br>were you there...? | 4 When the crosses were burning,<br>were you there...? |

# 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 some lines containing multiple phrases. The score concludes with a final 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



## Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - jah, hal - le

D Em A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find, knock and the door shall be  
 ev - ery word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you.  
 o - pened un - to you. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.  
 mouth of God.

## Let All Things Now Living

Descant

2 Ah,

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 By law God en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. Ah,

God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine, the hills and the

the depths of the o - cean pro -

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, by guid - ing us on to the  
 moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the depths of the o - cean pro -

Words: Katherine K. Davis 1939, alt.

Music: Welsh folk melody, desc. Katherine K. Davis 1939.

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THE ASH GROVE

6 6 11 6 6 11 D

Alt. setting: 481

claim God di - vine. Re - joice, re -

F C7 F C7

end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, pure light goes be -  
claim God di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

F Dm C C

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the  
joic - ing, with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

raise. Ah,!

C F Gm C

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
raise: till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

F Bb F C F

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.