St. Davids-Queenston United Church

January 28, 2024, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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# 486 "God Who Blesses New Beginnings"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The Christ candle is lit.) Let us turn our hearts to God in praise:

Praise to you Lord for you have poured out your love into our hearts so that we never lose hope. You free our lives from fear because of your love, and dress our wounded and injured hearts. Praise to you for all the women and men who sow seeds of love and hope for their neighbours around the world. **Lord, we praise you.**Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus your Son, the Redeemer of all people. Thanks be to you for the grace of conversion and all the seeds of faith, hope and charity among your people and everywhere. Thanks be to you for the faith we received from the apostles, for Jesus' prayer for unity, and for the gift of the Good News of salvation. **Lord, we thank you.**

God of love, we adore you for the generosity of your love for all people – a love so perfect, it is beyond our understanding; a love in which there is no distinction on grounds of race, gender or social status. We adore you, who out of love sent your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world and continue to fill our lives with your love through the Holy Spirit. Lord, we adore you.

CALL TO WORSHIP AND GATHERING PRAYER

In the name of God and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are gathered as brothers and sisters to pray for the visible unity of Christians. At the heart of our worship is the story of the Good Samaritan where we hear the divine call to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Let us prepare to meet the God of Love in thanksgiving and joy, remembering his command to love.

Glory to you, Our God, for you reveal yourself in your creation and call all people to live in your presence. Glory to you, Christ Jesus, for you give yourself entirely to each one of us and invite us to do the same. Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you gather us together in love and unity. Glory to you, God of Love, in whom we are created, redeemed and made one. 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, Joy)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

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

SACRED MUSIC: "Come Praise the Lord" (choir)

THE SEARCH FOR UNITY: (Melanie Kelch)

"Loving God and Neighbour in the Midst of a Security crisis"

SERMON: "The Centrality of Love in Christian life"

*HYMN: VU# 593 "Jesu Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

*OFFERTORY HYMN_VU#537 "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

We discover Jesus, friend and sibling, in all our neighbours, near and far away. May we reflect your love and grace, O God, and through these gifts of time and money, do for others all that we would do for Jesus. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN MV# 214 "May God's Sheltering Wings" x2

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one, we pray to you for the unity of all Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.

Refreshed by the water of life, let us go forth to love God, and to love our neighbour as ourselves, united in Christ and enlivened by the Holy Spirit. 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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: The traditional date for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. The octave (eight days) has been celebrated continuously since 1894, but was a dream of many Christian leaders since the early years of the 19th century. We invite you to pray together for full unity which is Christ's will.

Jan 31(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.

Please join us for coffee, fellowship and cake following the Worship service as we celebrate all those who have a birthday in January.

Thank you to Harvey & Carol Hall for being the greeters, to Melanie Kelch 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.

Please remember to wear your name tags to welcome and allow new comers to get to know you by name.

Next Sunday, February 4th will be Tooney Sunday. There will be a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected will be going to support local mission and outreach projects.

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

Church Board Vacancy Appeal

The Church Board has several vacancies that need to be filled by the Congregation.

In late 2023, Darlene Romanowsky resigned as the **Church Board** Secretary after many years fulfilling this role. We sincerely appreciate all that Darlene has done over the years supporting the Church Board and their mandate. The responsibility of the Church Board Secretary is to record the discussions and decisions at the monthly Church Board Meetings, produce the Minutes from those meetings and distribute them to Church Board Members and for filing.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Christian Education Committee are seeking new members.

The Church Board is also seeking one new member for each of Church Board At Large Member, Regional Council Representative and Cave Springs Corporation Representative.

Congregation members are encouraged to consider volunteering for these positions. If you have an interest, please talk with either Sandra MacDonald, Church Board Chair or Steve Hardaker.

It should be noted that you do not have to be a Member of St. Davids-Queenston United Church in order to fulfill a role on the Church Board.

The Spiritual Care Committee was established to assist Rev. Baek with his pastoral care activities. The Committee meets the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm in the CE Hall. We would like to encourage members of the Congregation to notify Rev. Baek or any member of the committee when they become aware that a Congregation Member is ill and may need prayers, a phone call or pastoral care visit by Rev. Baek.

Members of the Spiritual Care Committee are, Rev. YongSeok Baek, Nikole Amato, Sue Cote, Sue Foss, Steve Hardaker, Marianne McRae, Sandi Salewytsch, Florence Turner, Nancy Utting and Marie Vahrmeyer.

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 Gandey & 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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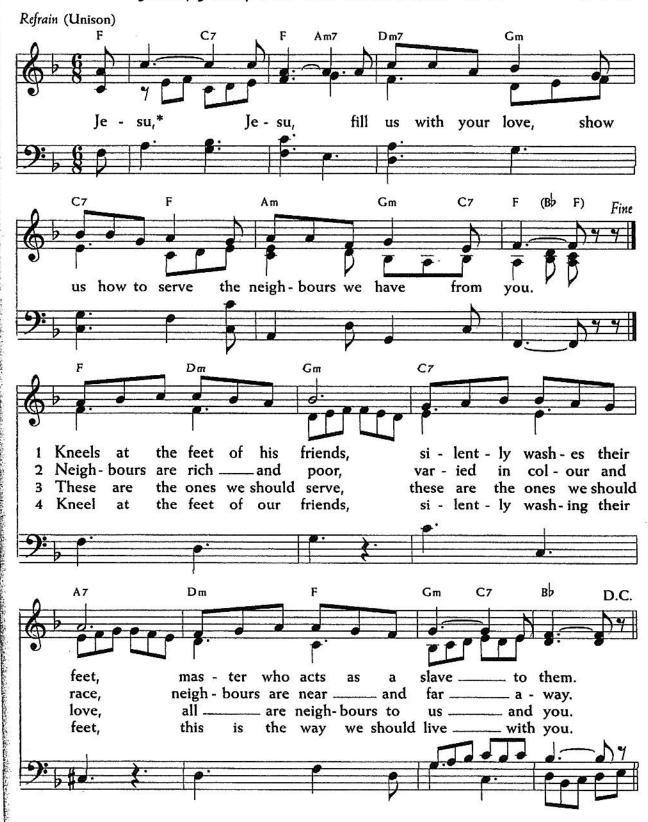




I've Got Peace like a River



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



^{*} jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo'

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- 1 Your work, O God, needs ma ny hands to help you ev ery where,
- Be cause we love you and your work, our of-fering now we



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May God's Sheltering Wings



A blessing for baptism, for healing prayer, and for the close of worship.

^{*} alternative: "his"