



St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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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.

* *Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU #161 "Welcome Happy Morning"

*Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today:
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!*

*(Refrain) Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!*

*Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;
greeted with life reviving our returning king:
flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,
speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now! **R***

*Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;
you for our salvation trod the path of death:
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!
Now let all creation hail him and adore. **R***

*Loose our souls imprisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen, raise to life again!
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you. **R***

CHOIR: "This Day of Resurrection"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Lighting the Christ candle) We light the Christ candle each week, reminding ourselves of the wondrous splendour of holy light. We are assured that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Light of Life. The path we seek to follow is one of blazing glory. May Christ always illumine the way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Enter into this sanctuary and know that you will find care and comfort.
That is why we are here.

Enter into this your community with a loving heart and with a spirit that is ready to build the kin'dom of God.

That is why we are here.

Accept care when it comes your way, regardless of where your faith journey takes you.

That is why we are here.

Even when you encounter trouble, sadness, and rejection, know that you are never alone.

That is why we are here! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Our preparation for Easter, gracious God, is a crucifixion, a death, and the ending of Jesus' story.

But the story didn't end; Jesus' tomb was discovered empty.

The resurrected Jesus appeared at different times and in a variety of settings to his astonished, and yes, confused disciples.

What was an absolute end, death, became the opening, the unfolding story of God's grace in our midst in Jesus Christ. We open ourselves to that unfolding in this time of worship today. Blow through us with your Holy Spirit, live-giving God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #960

CHOIR: "What Wondrous Love is This?"

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: "The Angel Rolled the Stone Away" by Sunday School

SACRED HYMN: "Glory to the Risen King" by the Choir,
 Scripture reading by Larry McRae

SERMON: "Hope Made Whole: When Christ Restores Everything"

*HYMN VU #173 "Thine is the Glory"

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,*

kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.

(Refrain) *Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth:
death hath lost its sting. **R***

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **R***

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*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:

We may have pondered the amount we decided upon for our offering for today and have many reasons for the final choice. Yet, there is no question that we want you, our God, to receive and bless it and us. In this way, may our personal discipleship and the life of our community of faith grow as an image of Jesus in action. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN VU #211 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

*"Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.*

*His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.”*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

I dare you- yes, an Easter dare!- when you are thinking of faith and resurrection, go out to love it all, to wonder in amazement at it all:

**the sunshine and the rain, the colours of spring, and the promise of autumn;
the sunrise and the sunset, the cross and the empty tomb, Jesus crucified
and risen.**

Blessings come as we wait and wonder, as we feel the depth of loss and then wait again...until the dawn comes. **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*

* PIANO POSTLUDE



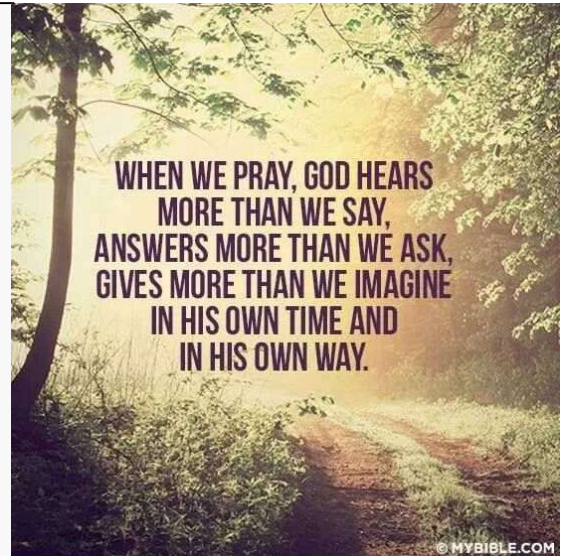
Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning

Thank You to **Nancy Utting** for being our greeter, to **Marianne McRae** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon** and the **choir** for their musical contribution, to **Christina Travers** and the Sunday School for their contribution, to the **UCW Ladies** for preparing coffee and goodies for

our coffee hour and to **Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker/Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Worship Service.

Prayers have been requested for Rakseon Baek (백락선), Cecile Peters, Sue Foss, Jill Dill, Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, John & Eleanor Macdonald's daughter - Kirstie Duarte.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Rev. Doug Jones, Matt Jones, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher and Jennifer Fulton.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCW Meeting: Wednesday, April 8 @ 1:30PM

Beef-on-a-Bun & Games: Friday April 10 @ 6PM. Join us with your friends, for good food, fun and friendship. Adults are \$13, children (12 & under) are \$5. Please let Doug McArthur know if you can donate a pie.

don't forget Tooneys for Mission, next Sunday.

Ryan Baxter Piano Concert: You're invited, Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm for an inspiring piano recital featuring Ryan Baxter, pianist and organist, and former Music Director at Trillium United Church. This concert journeys through musical contrasts, from Baroque to modern, with works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Ludwig van Behrens, and Pierre Vierluis. Everyone is welcome.

CPR Training is available free of charge at Fenwick United Church on April 25 from 9:30 to 11:30AM. RSVP required to Sharon, ssvob@vaxxine.com

150th Anniversary Service for Westminster United Church: Sunday, April 26 @ 10am: United Church Moderator, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath will be at Westminster United Church (180 Queenston Street, St. Catharines, Ontario) to deliver the sermon as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary. Whether in person or online, all are welcome! Livestream: westminsterunitedchurch.org

Yard Sale, May 2, 9AM – 1PM: Declutter your home and help us raise funds. More information to follow.