

Welcome to 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.

*Today we welcome Rev. Colleen Smith
and thank her for her leadership!*

**Stand, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU #312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

*Praise with joy the world's Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
God whose grace shall never cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory, power to rescue and release.*

*Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence: friend and stranger, guest and host.*

*Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds
where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure: foolishness none dare deride.*

*Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community, calling
Christians to embody oneness and diversity.
This the world shall see reflected: God is One and One in Three.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: (The candle is lit)

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

We light this candle in the name of Jesus,

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world".

And we are called to be the light in our world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship with busy minds

full of many thoughts and concerns.

God invites us to take a deep breath

and turn our attention elsewhere asking -

Where is the Spirit at work?

Where is Jesus present today?

Where is God creating something new?

Let us change our vision, sing a new song,

Attentive to God's voice, let us worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER:

**Mysterious and merciful God,
we praise you for abundant life,
for the beauty of creation,
and for the blessings of each day.
We praise you for communities of faith,
where your guidance and wisdom are valued,
where justice and healing are realized.
And so, we worship you
as the Source of life and love, comfort and courage.
Trusting in your goodness and grace,
We pray as Jesus taught his disciples**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Sung) VU#960

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**Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,
Grow in Christian faith and
Go in Community Service.**

SACRED ANTHEM: "Friends on the Left and Friends on the Right" *Choir*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 12:1-8 & Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON: "**Questions of Identity**"

HYMN VU #509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Here I Am, Lord)

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord.*

*Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them: they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R*

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

OFFERING HYMN (to the tune of Edelweiss)

*God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, as we offer these gifts,
we are reminded of your call to make a difference.
Give us courage and wisdom as we engage with the world around us,
sharing your love with others. Bless these offerings, so that they may
support ministries that reach out to those in need in our church, in our
communities, and throughout the world. Amen**

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling our our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of Justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

***Refrain: Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,
Working, for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ call!***

*May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R*

***COMMISSIONING AND VESPER**

Go from this time of worship, knowing that you are deeply loved.

Go into this week, with courage and conviction.

And may God our Creator show you the way.

May Jesus Christ be your example.

May the Holy Spirit be your inspiration.

And may you always know the peace of God that surpasses all understanding,
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.



Thank You to **Florence Turner** for being our greeter, to **Valerie Zuk**
for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir**
for their musical contribution, the **Kitchen Helpers** for coffee & treats
after the service and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo
Xu** for livestreaming our Service.



In Our Prayers; Sue Foss, Clair Boyda, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan & sister Ruth Nelson and Willy Harrison.

Continuing Prayers for Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella, Darren Deesin, Paul Dotter, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher and Marion Smith & family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Celebration of Jim Griffith's Life will be held in the Simpson Room at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre, 14 Anderson Lane, on August 20th from 6-8 pm.

Volunteer/s needed to put the garbage out each Wednesday and put it away after the pick-up. Please contact Bill Utting.



Volunteer leaders are required for the Sunday School. It should be one Sunday/month and there's a curriculum to follow. This is an excellent opportunity to share in the joy and curiosity of our youngsters.

Welcome Back Luncheon, on Sunday September 13th, following the service. Pulled pork will be provided. Please bring salads or desserts. We hope to see all of you!



Online wine purchases from Vineland Estates, until Sept. 28, will contribute 20% to emergency food & support programs.