St. Davids-Queenston United Church

February 16, 2025, 10:30am, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Black History Month

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)

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU # 222 "Come, Let Us Sing"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light the Christ candle each week, as a reminder that the presence of Jesus guides our lives. We celebrate this light of Jesus as the love that transforms how we live our lives and challenges us to seek justice and peace for all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come hoping to find Jesus in our midst.

The one who opens our hearts

and helps us discover God.

The one who calls us to faith

and reminds us of God's love.

The one who delights in surprising his people.

a giver of good gifts.

turning water into wine,

giving hope when our hope has run out.

Come, let us gather together in expectation.

We come searching for Jesus in our midst.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, we come to this place, not because you are to be found nowhere else, but because here, we have no other task than to be in your presence. Here, we tune our senses to listen, our spirits to discover, our hearts to feel, and our minds to wonder.

May the glory that you are touch this hour of our time, so that it may be for us a transforming moment bringing new light, new hope, new courage, and new commitment to follow in the way of Christ, in whose blessed name we pray. 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.

SACRED MUSIC: "I Will Serve the Lord all my Days" (Choir)

LEARN TOGETHER: 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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Exodus 4:1-5

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

SERMON: "Every Part of the Body Matters!"

* HYMN: VU # 602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

VOICES OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (Marianne 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 VU #55 "In The Bleak Midwinter"

What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.

Yet what I can I give him. Give my heart.

*OFFERING PRAYER:

Gracious God, there are many reasons for us to stay where we are—some more compelling than others. But our money can always travel and go where you need it. May these gifts reflect our commitment to follow Jesus. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU# 701"What Does the Lord Require of You"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

And now may Love, which is our source, also be our guide and destination as we continue to live the lives that God has given us. May others experience the deep, deep love of God through knowing us, and may peace and love fill our hearts this day, this morning, and forevermore. **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

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

The celebration of February as **Black History Month** (or African Heritage) continues. Officially recognized in Canada since 1996, the United Church also honour the contributions of African descent. We will have time to listen to their life and faith stories in this Month.

Thank you to Elma Gardner for being the greeter, to Marianne McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Nikole Amato for leading the Sunday School, to the choir for their musical contribution, to the Ladies in the Kitchen for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.

The Spiritual Care Committee has been looking for new ways to reach out/connect within our church family. Over the next 4 weeks a slip of paper will be available in the bulletin with the headings Name: Date of Birth: there will be room for 2 members on front and for those with additional family members please use the back as well. These will be collected on the offering plate and once the collection is completed it will be compiled into a list. This list would be available from the ushers only if requested as we understand this is personal information and must be handled respectfully.

"NOTE": Given that we have members out of country for a couple of weeks we are going to take a break after today and finish this off early spring with a thank you to all those who have already participated.

The Sunday school and Youth Group are putting on a pancake lunch on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 following the Worship service. The cost is \$15 which includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and fruit cocktail. All proceeds will go to the Church's General Fund. Tickets are available from Sue Foss and the Sunday school children who will help sell tickets after church each Sunday. Sue will personally deliver the tickets to our online people

Continuing prayers have been requested for, Sheila Dougan, Bob Kerr, Owen Calhoun, Jim Griffiths, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Neil Foss, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe, Josephine Weatherall, Mary & John Kolbuc, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt & family, Jeannie Vanderburg & her mother Beaty, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn and Patti Pozzobon.

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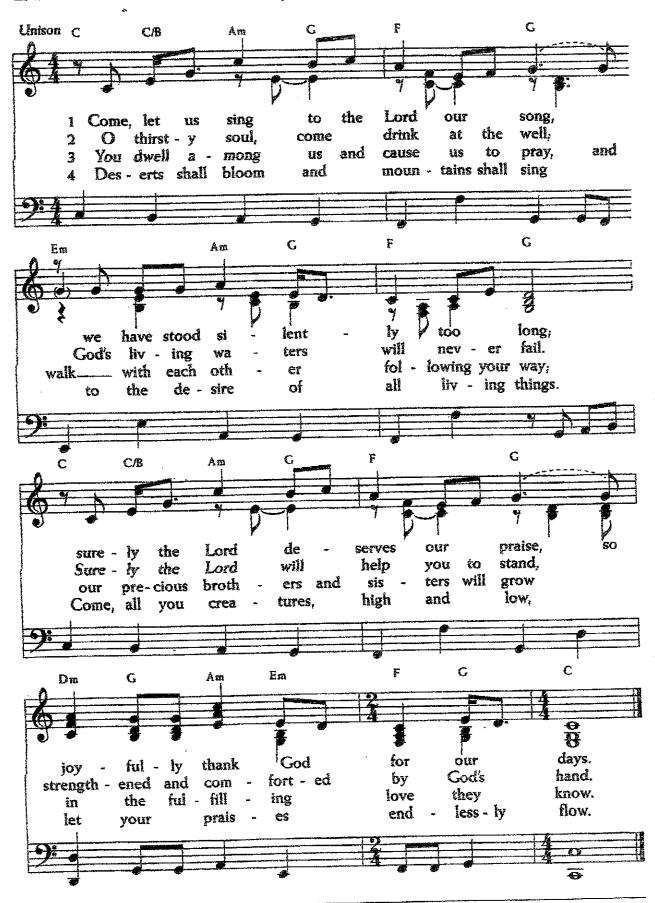
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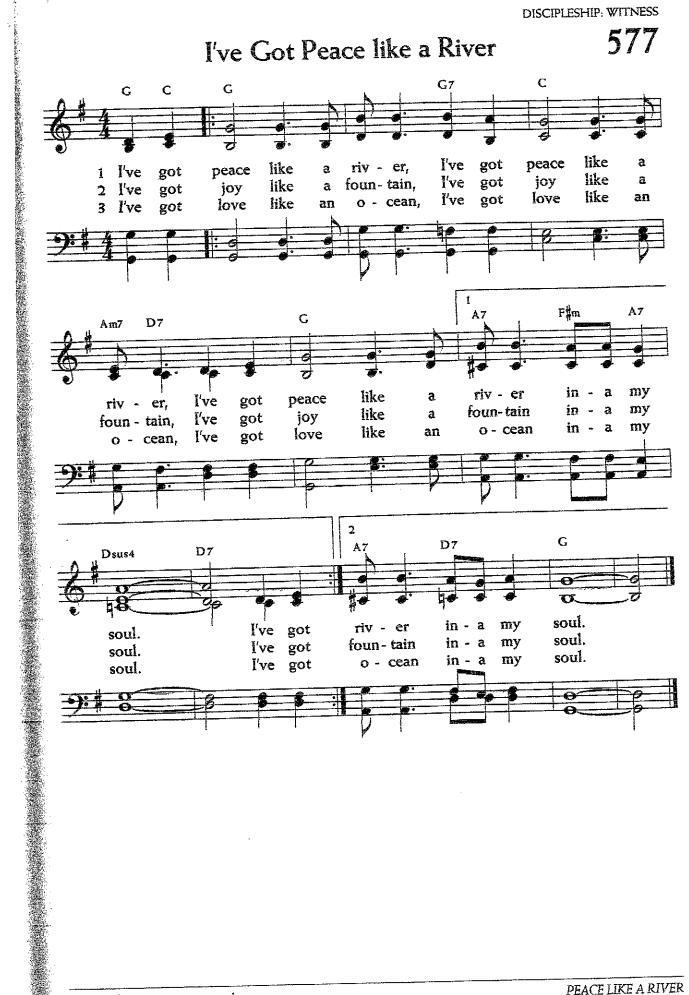
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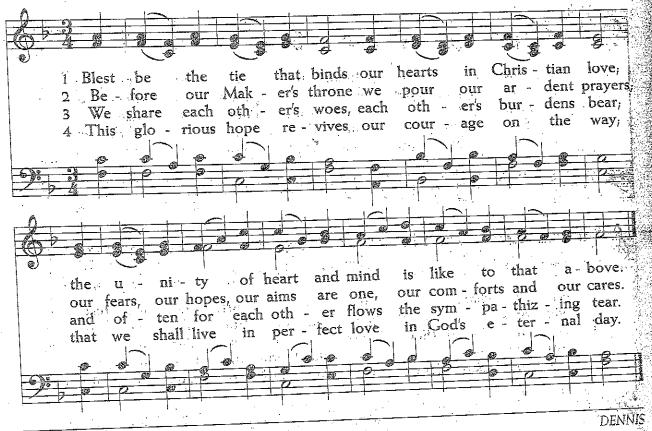


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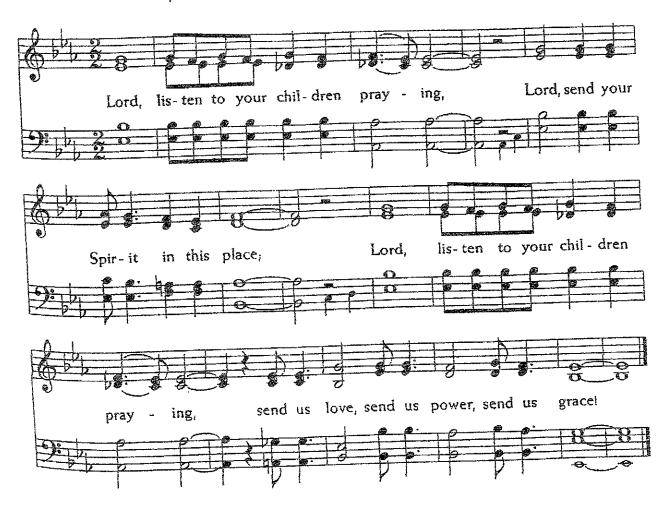
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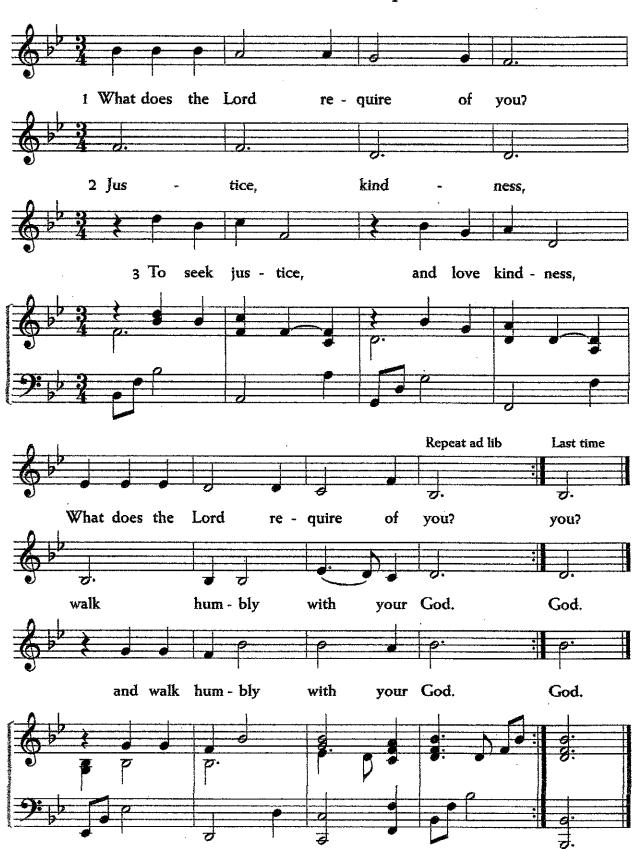
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