

# **ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH**

**February 23, 2025, 10:30am**

**Seventh 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)

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU# 646 “We Are Marching”**

### **LIGHTING THE CANDLE**

*(The candle is lit)* We light this candle to spread the light of Christ, into the corners which seek to hinder us from the truth—that we are all loved and we are all one.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Who is welcome in the house of God? **All are welcome here.**

Who is welcome in the family of faith? **Everyone is made for love,  
and we are adopted into the family of faith.**

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Loving Creator, we gather to celebrate Black History Month, and we come in thanksgiving and with reverence. As we meet today we pray that our hearts be opened to hearing the stories—current and past—of Black siblings. We celebrate and honour their faith, for all they have contributed to our world, our villages, and personally to us. Bless our time this day, in the reading of scripture, the prayers of our hearts, and the joy of meeting each other, in this village where you have made your presence known, Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (Sung) VU #960

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#### **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 READING Galatians 3:23-29  
John 1: 12-14

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

SERMON: "Black History Month: We are All Children of God!"

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

VOICES OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (Valerie Zuk)

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:

**Generous One, we offer these gifts as your fisher people. May they help to gather more people to you. May they encourage reaching deeper into faith and the abundant life of community. May they bring messages of forgiveness and invitations to exciting journeys in your company. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN VU #575 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

\*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

**Jesus said: I will go into the village. We recognize the call to go forth into the world carrying the light of Christ.**

**May the spirit of those words guide us as we leave this place**

**May we not be afraid to share that light with siblings**

**And may the hope of Christ shine ever brightly in our Black History Month Celebrations, 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, cake and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning to celebrate all those who were born in February.

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

Thank you to Betty Cant for being the greeter, to Valerie Zuk for being the Lay Reader, to Sue Foss for leading the Sunday school, to Lisa Brillon and 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”:** As it was realized that we have congregation members who leave us for the winter season and won't be returning for a couple of weeks we need to carry on with the collection past the four weeks. We will skip the collection today and start again next Sunday and continue until early Spring.

The Sunday school and Youth Group are putting on a pancake lunch **next 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

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday, March 9th followed by a Potluck Luncheon.

Next Sunday, March 2nd will be “Tooney Sunday”. There will be collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected will be going to support local mission outreach projects.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Friday, March 7, 2025 at 11am  
at Grace United Church 222 Victoria St. Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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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# We Are Marching

(Siyahamba)

1 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are  
2 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the  
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of  
nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -

God.  
khos'.

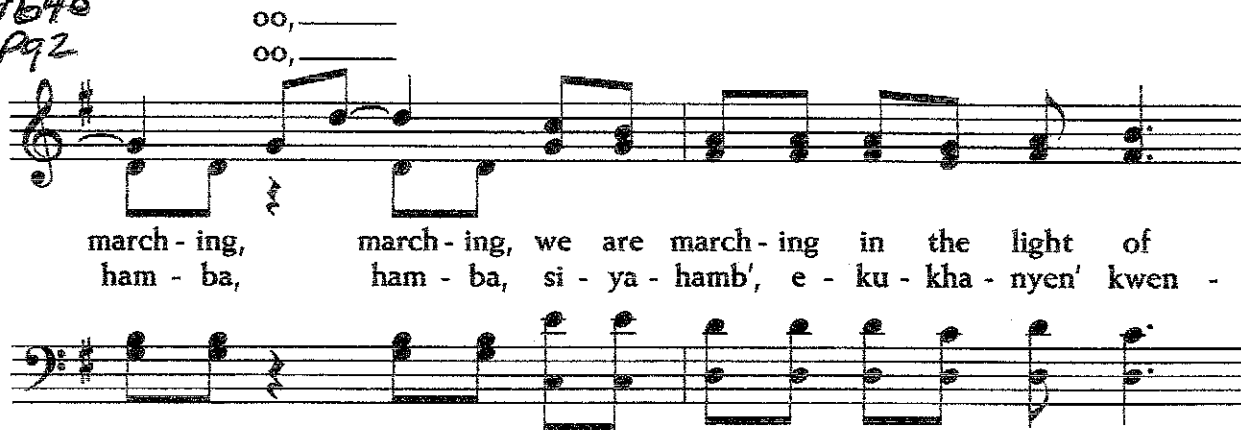
We are march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba,

the light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are  
kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -

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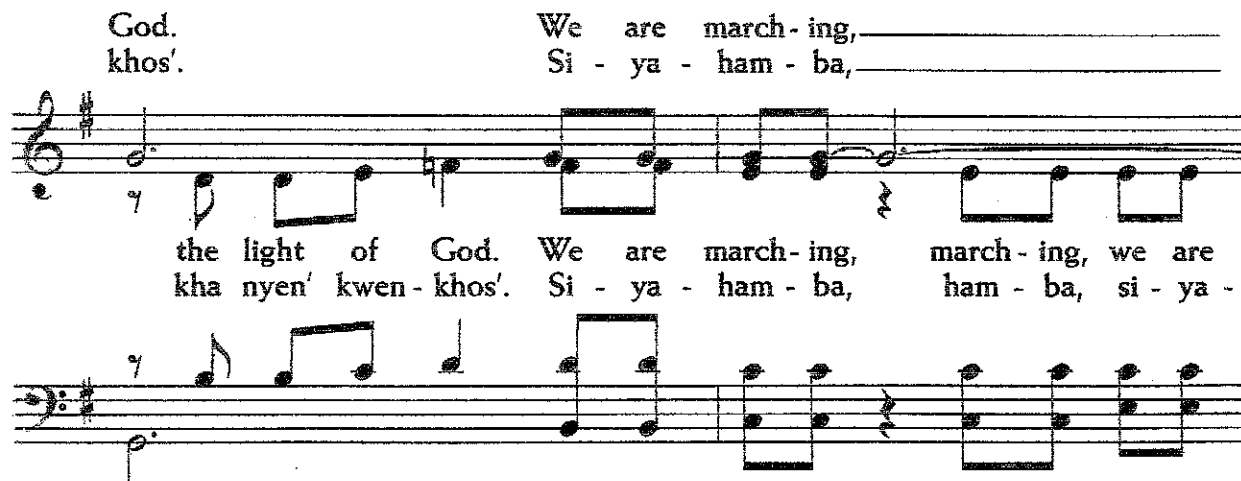
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oo, \_\_\_\_\_  
oo, \_\_\_\_\_



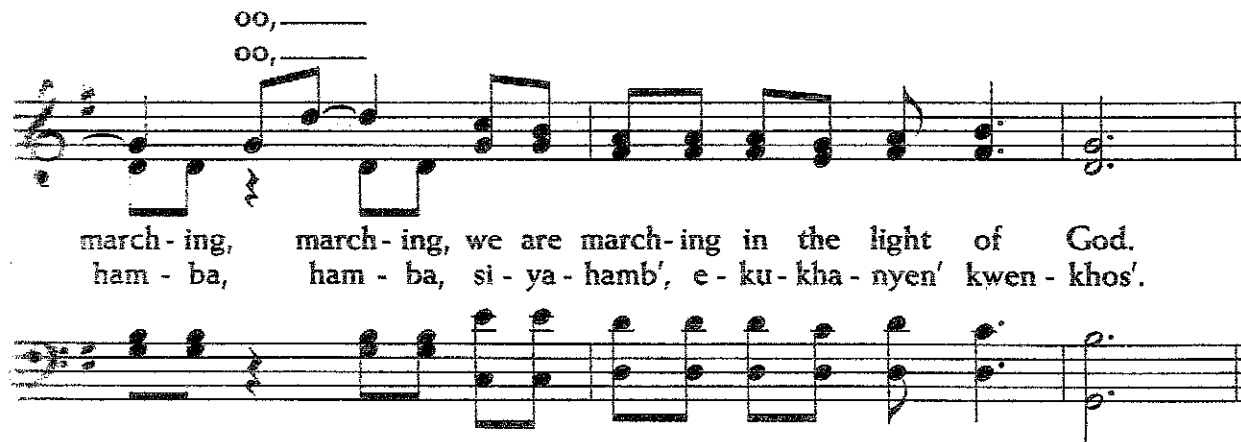
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ham - ba,      ham - ba, si - ya - hamb', e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -

God.                      We are march - ing, \_\_\_\_\_  
khos'.                      Si - ya - ham - ba, \_\_\_\_\_



the light of God. We are march - ing,      march - ing, we are  
kha nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba,      ham - ba, si - ya -

oo, \_\_\_\_\_  
oo, \_\_\_\_\_



march - ing,      march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.  
ham - ba,      ham - ba, si - ya - hamb', e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

# # 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 E

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 Csus4 C7 F Bb Bbm F

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

# I've Got Peace like a River

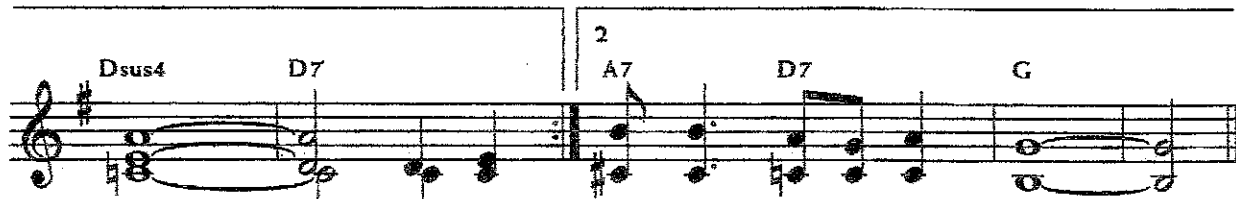
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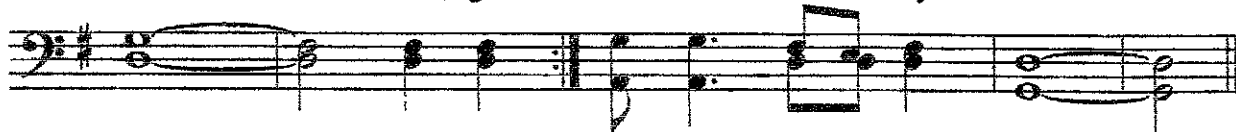
1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my  
 foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in - a my  
 o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my



soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun - tain in - a my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.





# Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain (Unison)

Je - su,\* Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh - bours are rich — and poor, var - ied in col - our and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave — to them.  
 race, neigh - bours are near — and far — a - way.  
 love, all — are neigh - bours to us — and you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live — with you.

\* 'Jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo'

Words Tom Colvin 1969

Music Ghanaian folk song, adapt Tom Colvin 1969

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(CHERPONI)

Irregular with refrain

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400

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!

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in 2/2 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staff lines.

Words: Ken Medema 1970

Music: Ken Medema 1970

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CHILDREN PRAYING

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# In the Bleak Midwinter

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1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain,  
3 E - nough for him, whom che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a  
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone,  
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign,  
breast full of milk, and a man - ger full of hay. E -  
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
nough for him, whom an - gels fall down be - fore, the  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part, yet



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
Lord God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
ox and ass and cam - el which a - dore.  
what I can I give him — give my heart.



# 575 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an-y-where, Lord

an-y-time! (an-y-time!) I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an-y-where, Lord, (my Lord) an-y-time! (an-y-time!)

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum

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I'M GONNA

arr.