### ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

### February 9, 2025, 10:30am, Fifth 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 # 391 "God, Reveal Your Presence"

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE

(The candle is lit) Fire and water are sustaining when handled with respect. Let us hold to our faith as the water of life and the light for our way.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

With unfailing love, God calls us by name.

We long to be known and seek relationship with God.

Come, find refuge. Take rest and comfort in God's shelter.

We eagerly come, seeking shelter and security. Let us worship God!

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

All-knowing God, you know everything about us but love us just the same. We judge one another, while you do not judge us. Help us to know that you are always with us, that you are the One who comes alongside us, cares for us, and comforts us. May we also be the ones who come alongside, care for, and comfort those around us. As we begin this time of worship, we think of those in our lives who need encouragement and comfort. We commit them to your care, knowing that our prayers will be answered in your time and in the best way possible for us, a way that only you can know. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #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 Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Val Zuk)

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: John 3:16-21

Micah 6:6-8

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

SERMON: "Bold Discipleship 2: Embracing God's Call to Justice, Inclusion, and Harmony!!!"

\* HYMN: VU # 507 "Today We All are Called to be Disciples"

VOICES OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH (Larry 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:

Bless, O Lord, these gifts and offerings, that they may be a sign of our intention—to serve you fully. Use what we are offering to strengthen the ties that bind our lives to the grace, appreciation, joy, and jubilee Jesus once embodied. Let it all be the gospel truth for our time. If one of your people suffers, we all suffer. If our gifts can bring honour to even one of your people, we will rejoice together in your name. And so we offer our gifts to calm suffering and increase rejoicing. Amen.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN MV# 115

"Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New"

#### \*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

We know that we are not yet where we need to be.

We are far away from the gentle, healed world of Jesus' words.

We are far away from Jesus embracing his disciples.

We go now to continue the journey, to travel toward the dawn that will surely come.

It is the living Christ who journeys with us. May the grace of God be with you 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) begins this week. 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 Marilyn Beatty for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Amanda Xu for leading the Sunday School, to Valerie Zuk for her solo, to Anthony Scaringi 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 UCW meeting scheduled for February 12th has been cancelled.

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 made available in the bulletin with the headings Name: Date of Birth: There will be room for 2 members on the front and those with additional family members please use the back as well. These will be collected on the offering plate and once the 4 weeks is complete will be compiled into a list. The list would be available from the ushers only if requested as we understand this is personal information and must be handled respectfully. This is not something everyone will care to do, but we thought it might be nice to be able to celebrate and get to know each other better. Thank you for support in this.

The Sunday School and Youth Group are putting on a pancake lunch on **Sunday, March 2, 2025** following the Worship service. The cost is \$15 which includes pancakes, sausage, bacon and fruit cocktail. All proceeds will go 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.

Doug McArthur and the activities committee welcome all to the Beef-on-a-Bun/games night this Friday, February 14th at 6pm. Adults \$13, Children (12 and under) \$5. Please let Doug know if you are able to donate a pie.

Continuing Prayers have been requested for Shirley Servos, 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 Cardiff-Hinchliffe, Josephine Weatherall, Mary & John Kolbuc, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt & Family, Jeannie Vanderburg & her mother Beaty, Ray & Chris Smith, Sondra Dunn and Patti Pozzobon.

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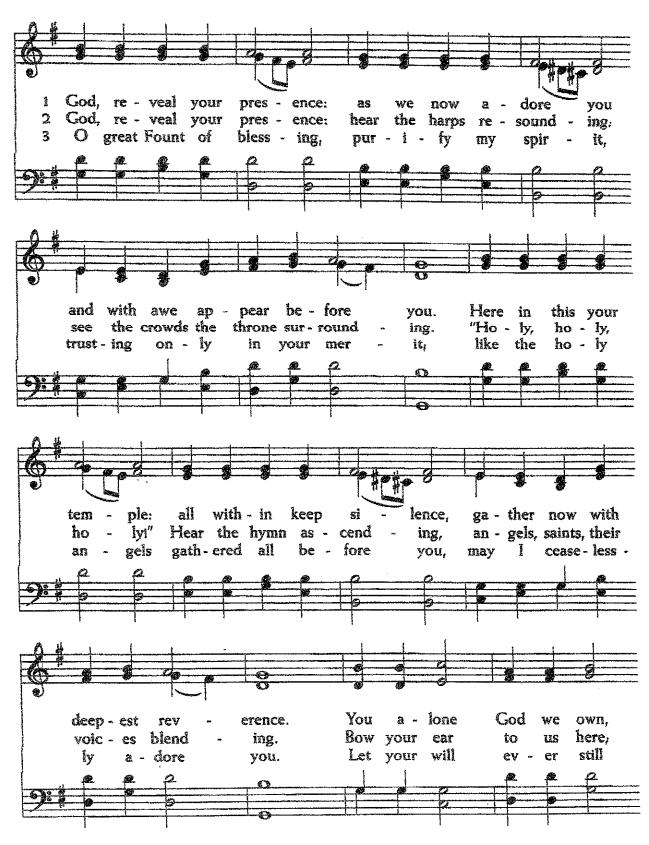
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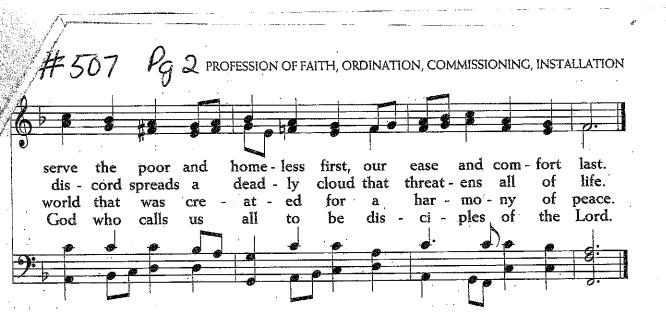
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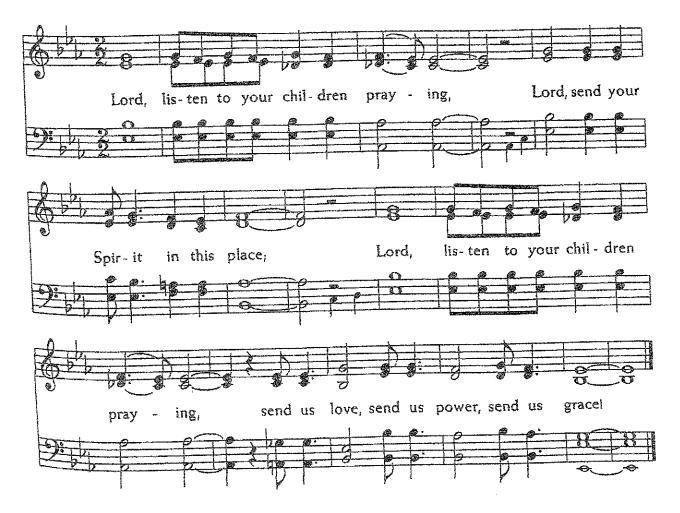
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# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



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