St. Davids-Queenston United Church

July 6, 2025, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Canada Day Service

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)

*OPENING HYMN: VU #524 "O, Canada"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) On this Canada Day, we light this candle as a symbol of hope, peace, and prayer. We give thanks for this land and its people—for the gifts of freedom, diversity, and shared dreams.

May this light remind us to be a people of truth and compassion, a nation that seeks justice and loves mercy. God of all nations, shine through us. Make us your light—here in Canada, and to the ends of the earth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us gather in gratitude for this land—its beauty, its freedom, its people.

We give thanks to God for Canada, and for all who seek the common good within it.

We come not only to celebrate, but to commit—to justice, to peace, to compassion for all who call this land home.

As people of faith, we pray for our leaders, care for our neighbors, and seek God's will in our life together.

Let us worship the God who blesses nations with purpose, and who calls us to be a blessing to the world.

With thankful hearts and open hands, we come to worship God—the One who is our refuge, our hope, and our guide.

GATHERING PRAYER

O Wondrous Creator, we come before you this day to delight in the marvels of your creation in this country we call Canada.

We come, open and attentive, to marvel at the dazzling sunsets and majestic mountains. We come with open spirits to feel the melodies of the birds and the roaring of turbulent seas. We come with open senses to luxuriate in the fragrance of spring flowers. We pause and rejoice at your creative labours and treasure our Sabbath rest: (a time of quiet)

We come, knowing that not everyone in this country has access or opportunity to delight in the gifts of your creation, knowing that your creation in many places is suffering.

And so, as we worship and savour the wonders, we also commit to caring for creation, seeking access and opportunity for all. 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: "This is my Story, This is my song" (Choir)

LEARN TOGETHER: "I Love It" (Youth and Children's time)

I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!
I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

Acts 17:26-27

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

SERMON: "A Nation Built on Justice and Peace"

* <u>HYMN:</u> VU# 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

READING FOR CANADA DAY: "The Quiet Soldier"

(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: (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:

God of every nation and every heart, we offer these gifts as signs of our thanksgiving, and as commitments to the work of your Kin'dom. Use what we give to build communities of peace, to uplift those in need, and to shape a Canada that reflects your justice and love. Make us generous not only in money, but in spirit, service, and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU# 697 "O for a World"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As we leave this place of worship and celebration, go now as faithful citizens of both Canada and God's Kin'dom.

We go to be people of peace, voices for justice, and hands of compassion.

Celebrate this land, but seek not only its blessing—seek its healing, its unity, and its future.

With grateful hearts and willing spirits, we go to serve God and our neighbours—here in Canada, and wherever love calls us.

May the God who watches over nations bless this land with wisdom and peace. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, guide your steps with courage and compassion. And may the Holy Spirit empower you to be light in every corner of this world. Go in peace—go in hope—go in Christ. 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

Thank you to Elma Gardner for being the greeter, to Marianne McRae for being the Lay Reader, 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.

Please note that Sunday school classes have been paused for the summer and will resume on Sunday September 7th.

Today is Tooney Sunday. There is a collection box in the Narthex, and on the table outside the kitchen. All donations collected will go to Local Outreach Projects.

The Church would like to thank Dorothy & Edward Lounsbury for taking over the garbage detail.

If you are interested in helping with baking the pies for the Carnival, please let Sue Cote know. All ingredients and instructions will be provided!! The carnival runs for 4 days, July 23, 24, 25 and 26 and we need volunteers to help with the baking, from around 9:00 am to lunch time. If you can volunteer for a day or two, please see Sue Cote.

Continuing prayers have been requested for 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 Josephine Weatherall, Lenore Cardiff-Hinchliffe, Mary Kolbuc and family, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt and family, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn, Patti Pozebon, the Vandenburg family and Paula Chant, Ruth Nelson and Rebecca Hatfield Gandey.

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* or "our lives"

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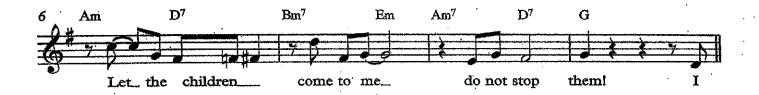


I Love It!

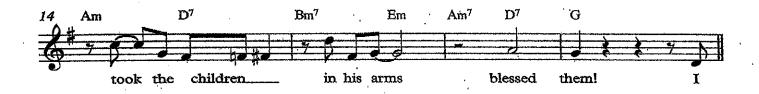
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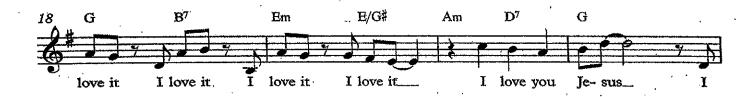
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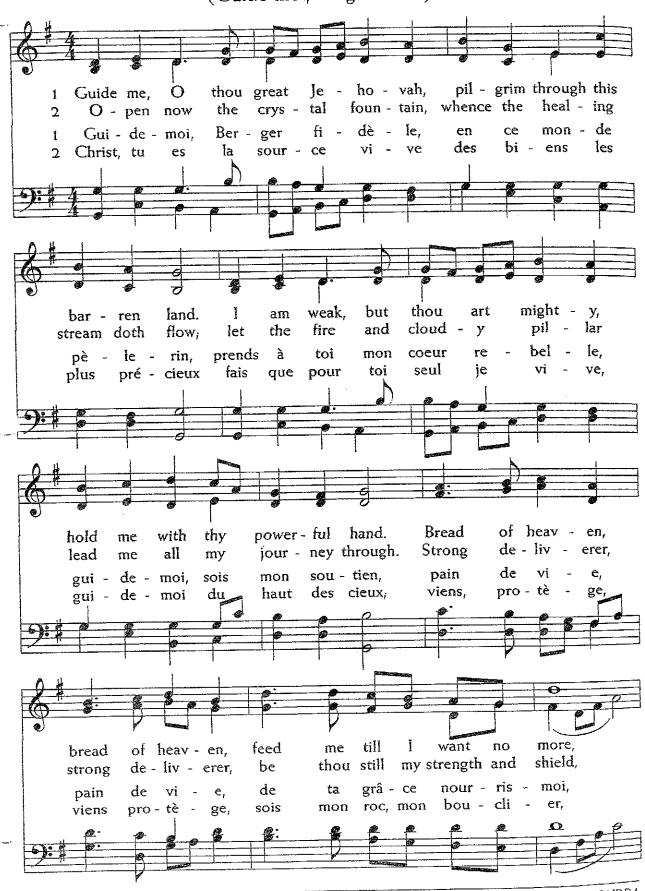


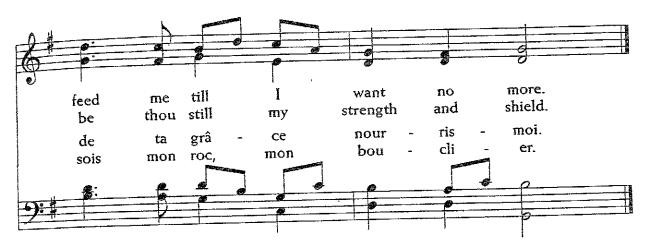


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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(Guide-moi, Berger fidèle)



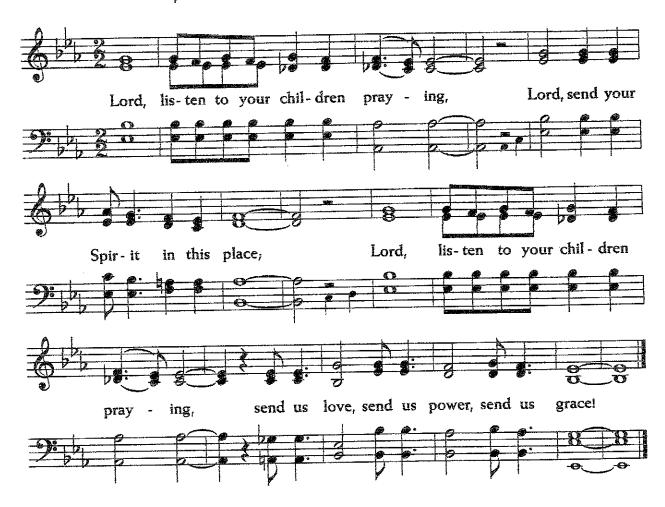


- When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee I will ever give to thee.
- 3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives; quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi. À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive, affermis ma faible foi; tes louanges, tes louanges, à jamais je chanterai, à jamais je chanterai.

And the following...

- 82 A light is gleaming
- 714 Come, we that love the Lord (first tune)
- 715 Come, we that love the Lord (second tune)
- 640 Lead, kindly light
- 421 Lead on, O cloud of presence
- 151 Lift high the cross
- 120 O Jesus, I have promised
- 595 We are pilgrims on a journey

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 400



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CHILDREN PRAYING

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OFFERTORY 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.



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