St. Davids-Queenston United Church June 29, 2025, 10:30am, Third Sunday after Pentecost

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: MV# 12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) Light should be understood as more than simply a generic light. Light can be opened into the entire spectrum of colours.

Light can overcome fear and shadows and guide us on our way.

Light may reveal a particular vision, an insight, an inspiration that opens the door to understanding life and relationships in new ways.

This morning, we light this Christ candle, naming Jesus in our lives as life-giving in a full spectrum of dimensions

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator.

Let us gather in the love of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Let us gather in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Let us gather as God's people, created in promise, forgiven in love, and made new by the Spirit's breath. Let us gather and worship God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, in Jesus, you gave us one who lived inclusion.

Jesus welcomed and spent time with those living in poverty and those whom society deemed powerless: women in a male-dominated society; those living with mental illness; those shunned because of physical challenges or skin diseases; and those excluded in other ways that we too may experience.

As we go about our day, you call us to seek and live inclusion:

to notice any who are newcomers and acknowledge those who seem alone and lonely, to learn from those who have a different gender or sexual orientation from ours, to work with those who understand the world quite differently, to laugh with those from many different cultures, and to discuss with those whose faith is expressed in ways that are unfamiliar to us.

Help us to become the beloved community you would have us be. Thanks be to you, our welcoming and inclusive God. 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 the Time I Must Sing" (Allan Cobham)

<u>LEARN TOGETHER:</u> "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: Isaiah 56:6-8

Romans 15:9-13

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

SERMON: "The Gospel of Inclusion: Loving Beyond Borders"

* HYMN: VU#371 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

MINUTE FOR MISSION: (Judith Bennoch)

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

*<u>OFFERTORY HYMN</u>: (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:

Holy One, bless our community. Bless our intention of unity. Let our lives be witnesses to you. Let our hearts beat as one heart. Bless our resources and multiply them as they work in inclusion. Bless our connections and strengthen them. Bless us so we may bless others. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU #429

"May the Blessing of God Be upon You"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

We go out with God's blessing—to live boldly in the Holy Spirit, welcoming all without condition, speaking our truth with courage, celebrating the unique gifts God has given each of us, and sharing love freely, in the name of Jesus Christ, who includes, heals, and sends us. 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 as we celebrate all those who have a Birthday in June.

The Flowers today are in loving memory of Warren Arseneau, placed by Barb Allman.

Thank you to Donna Cardinal for being the greeter, to Judith Bennoch for being the Lay Reader, to Enoch Cho for leading the Sunday school, to Allan Cobham for his solo, to Sharree Eidt 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.

Next Sunday, July 6th will be Tooney Sunday. There will be a collection box in the Narthex, and on the table outside the kitchen. All donations collected will go to Local Outreach Projects.

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 Sue Cote.

The UCW is looking for someone to take the church garbage to the roadside on Wednesday Mornings. Please let Judy Kerr know if you can help with this important and necessary job.

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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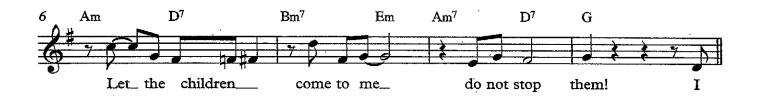


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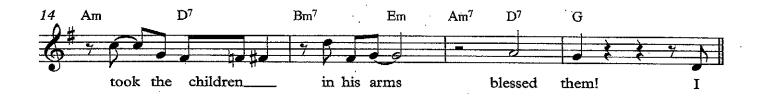
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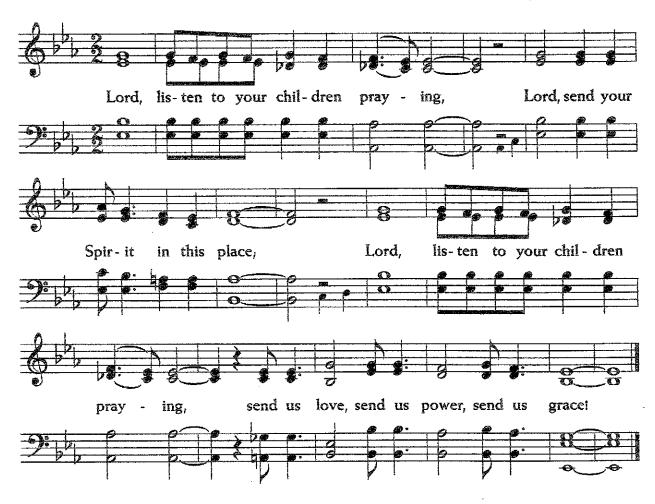


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CHILDREN PRAYING

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