St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 16, 2025, 10:30am, Second Sunday in Lent

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 #356 "Seek ye First the Kin'dom"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injury done to the Earth and its ecosystems. (A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent invites us to think of our journey of discipleship.

Has the practical side of our living taken over? Do we feel in a desperate place? Do we feel so comfortable, so settled in the goodness of our life that we have no desire to shake things up? Are we lost in hedonism, or held captive by pain, addiction, fear of rejection by our society and community? Are we wandering aimlessly? Do we feel threatened by a world that is marked by war, pandemics, inequality, and racism? Do we feel like we are losing our church?

Lent is a time to nurture our spiritual side, to invite it to drop into our practical side. And it's a time to develop a new balance.

Where will you grow as a disciple of Jesus this Lent?

GATHERING PRAYER

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

The old has passed away; the new emerges.

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

We celebrate the promises of God that shower our lives.

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

We shall not fear, for Christ is by our side.

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

Each of us here, and each person through the world, is invited to reflect God's glory. We worship God.

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 See the Love of God' (Valerie 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: Joel 2:12-17

Romans 12:1-3

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

SERMON: The Heart of Lent: Acts of Reflection, Repentance and Renewal

* HYMN: MV# 10 "Come and Seek The Ways of Wisdom"

MINUTE FOR MISSION: (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: "What Does the Lord Require of You"

(VU #701), What does the Lord require of you?(X 2)

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

*OFFERING PRAYER:

Gracious God, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. With it, we bring the gift of our love, our hearts, and our passion to work for justice and peace for all. Bless our gifts, bless our hearts, and equip us for the work to which you call us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU# 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go from here as those who are spiritually satisfied. Rejoice that in silence and in song, you have praised God. We rejoice.

Rejoice that in the challenge of the Word, and in reflection on it, you have praised God.

We rejoice.

Rejoice that in caring for your own and for those whose names you will never know, you have praised God. We rejoice.

Rejoice that in witnessing to truth, compassion, and justice, you have praised God.

We rejoice.

God is with you. Go in peace.

Amen.

VESPER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mar 5(Wed) ~ Apr 17(Thurs), Lent in 2025: Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

- * Apr 13(Sun), 2025: Palm Sunday
- * Apr 13(Sun)-Apr 19(Sat): Holy Week
- -Apr 17(Thurs) at 7pm: Maundy Thursday (Hand Washing Service)
- -Apr 18(Fri) at 10:30am: Good Friday Service, Communion Service.
- * Apr 20(Sun), 2025, 10:30am: Easter Service with Special Music

The flowers today are in loving memory of Jerry Bergsma. They have been placed by Dianne Bergsma and family.

Thank you to Donna Cardinal for being the greeter, to Marianne McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Nikoe Amato for leading the Sunday School, to Valerie Zuk for her 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.

The Church Board will meet this Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm.

Our Easter food drive starts today and continues up to and including Easter Sunday, April 20th. All donations collected will go to Project Share.

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, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn, Patti Pozzobon. and the Vanderburg family.

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Seek Ye First the Kingdom



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I've Got Peace like a River

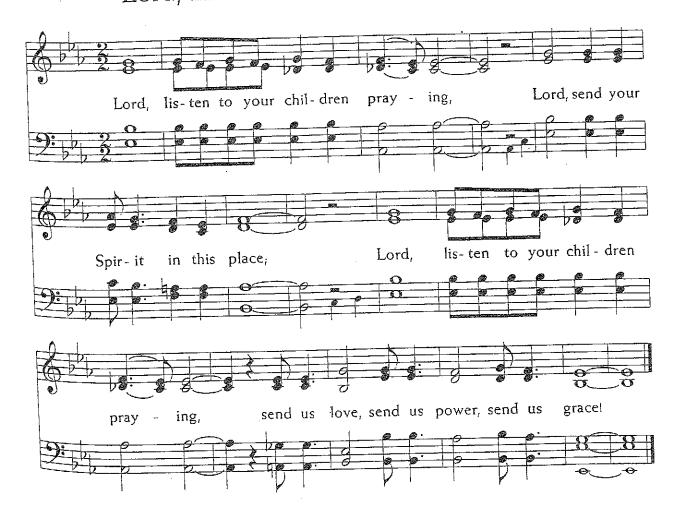


10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



A hymn which seeks to express a trinitarian theology based on scriptural Wisdom images.

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