

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 9, 2025, 10:30am, First Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday, Annual Congregational Meeting

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 #104 "We Have Come at Church's Own Bidding"

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of injustice in the world. (A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together to praise our God.

God leads us and God preserves us.

We remember times of both pain and plenty.

God did not abandon us in any of those times.

God pays attention and does not reject our prayers.

Let us raise to God our joyful praise.

GATHERING PRAYER

Lead us into the Season of Lent, O God;

help us to reflect on the areas of our lives that call for change.

Go with us into the Season of Lent, O God;

strengthen us, as we join our talents with the talents of our faith community.

Guide us as we begin the Season of Lent, O God.

Link us to the story of Jesus, that we may learn and find courage through his willingness to brave the toughest trials.

Challenge us as we encounter the significance of the Season of Lent, O God,

that we may confront and overcome the powers that oppress, weaken, and destroy. 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: "Come find Forgiveness and Love"

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: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Joel 2:12-13

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

SERMON: "Lent, Communion, and the Annual Congregational Meeting: A Journey of Renewal, Unity, and Vision!"

* HYMN: VU# 286 "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God

(Please see the insert.)

*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:

Loving God, we are always tempted to keep what we already have, yet you whisper to us a different, more radical purpose: "Give your time to build relationships that make a difference. Give your talent in community to foster a space of unconditional loving. Give your treasure to share bounty with others." We are paying attention, wise Spirit. We ask that you bless what we give, that we may be faithful witnesses to the Way of Jesus. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN VU# 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Let us go forward into the uncertainties of life.

Let us be open to the guidance of the Spirit.

Let us go forward certain that God will calm our spirits as we confront our fears.

Let us go forward knowing that we are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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 a Potluck luncheon following the Annual Congregational meeting 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.

- * Mar 9(Sun), 2025: First Sunday in Lent, Communion Sunday.
- * 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 Sunday, Cantata Service.

The Flowers today are in loving memory of Gavin Gardner. They have been placed there by Gavin's wife Elma and their children.

Thank you to Sue Foss for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Amanda Xu for leading the Sunday School, to Lisa Brillon and the choir for their musical contribution, to everyone who helped with today's luncheon and to Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.

Our Easter food drive starts next Sunday, March 16th and continues up to and including Easter Sunday, April 20th. All donations collected will go to Project Share.

The UCW will meet this Wednesday, March 12th at 1:30 pm.

The Spiritual Care Committee has been looking for new ways to reach out/ connect within our church family. Until early spring 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.

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

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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104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
 2 Light breaks in up - on our dark - ness, splen - dour
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful

high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
 bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mos - es and E -
 lest our faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter

hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's
 li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is
 find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a

grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our
 heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the
 shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro -

faith is not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
 Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments drenched in
 claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

And the following...

- 68 All poor ones and humble
- 28 Herald! Sound the note of gladness
- 62 Once in royal David's city
- 379 The race that long in darkness pined
- 254 Songs of praise the angels sang

#960 - The Lord's Prayer

F Dm C F C7 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 F

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 Cmaj7 C7 F Bb Bbm F

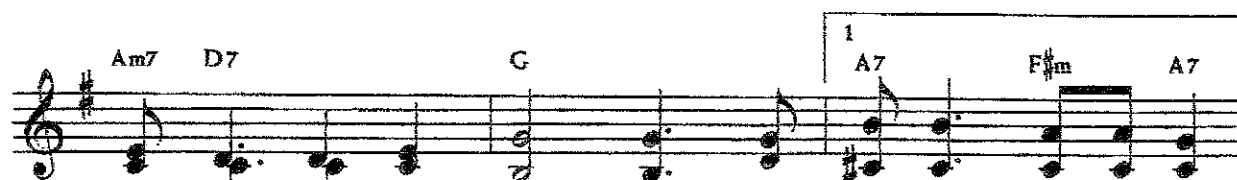
power and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

I've Got Peace like a River

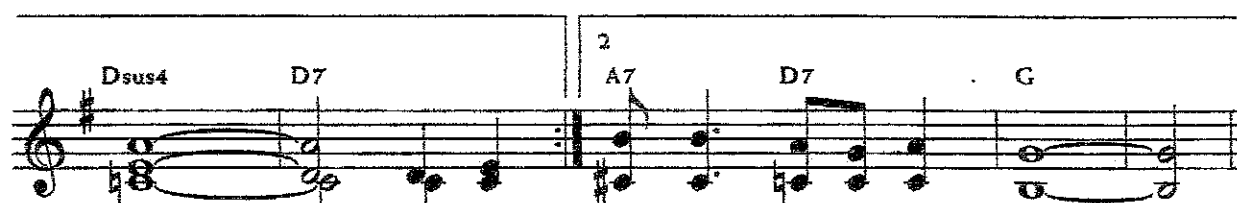
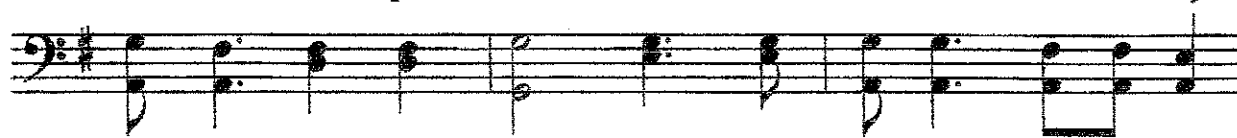
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1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



1
 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



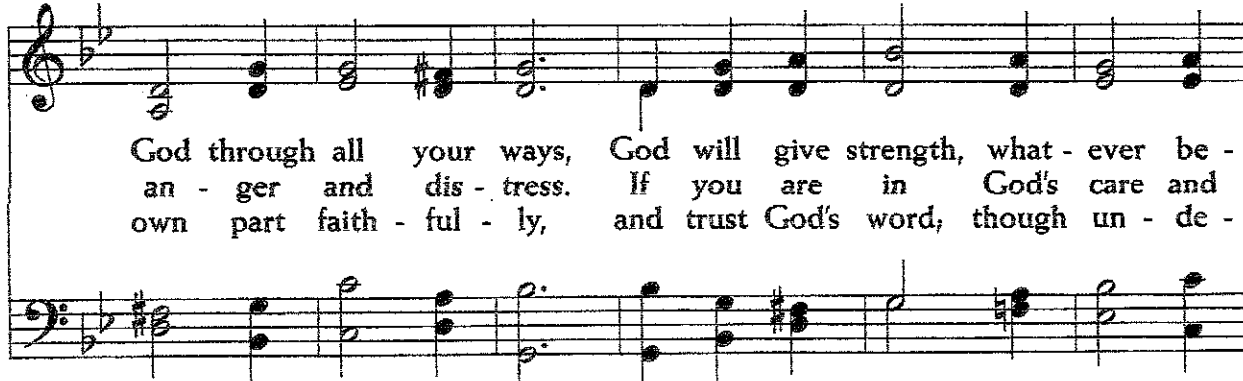
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 soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain in - a my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.



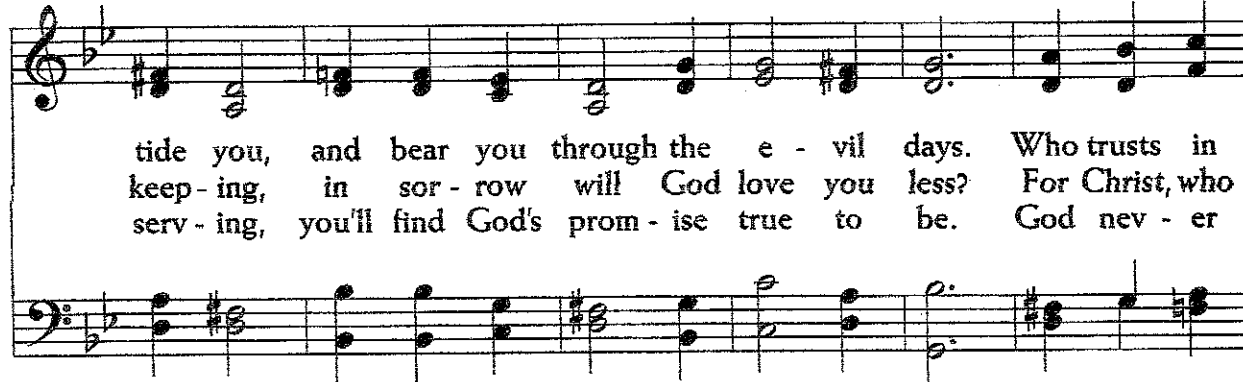
286 If You Will Trust in God to Guide You



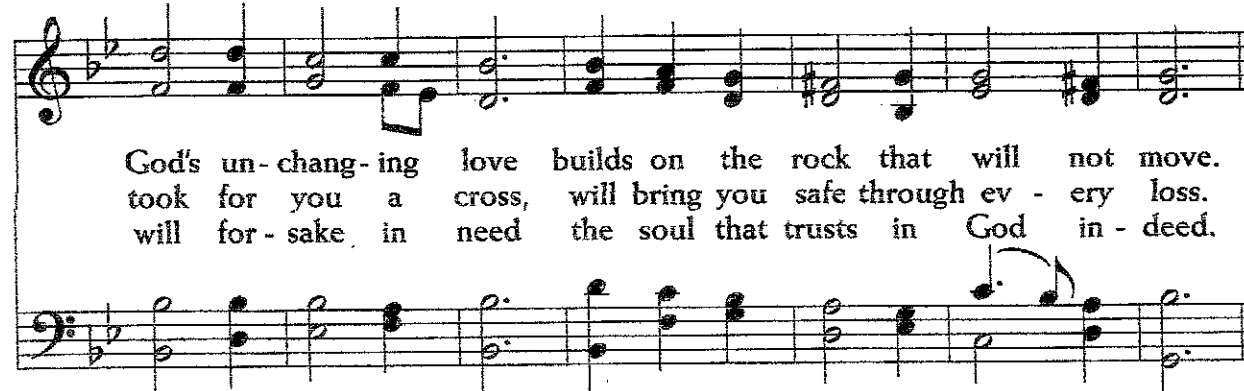
1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
 2 God will em - brace your pain and weep - ing, your help - less
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, so do your



God through all your ways, God will give strength, what - ever be -
 an - ger and dis - tress. If you are in God's care and
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de -



tide you, and bear you through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will God love you less? For Christ, who
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.
 will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in God in - deed.

In the Bleak Midwinter

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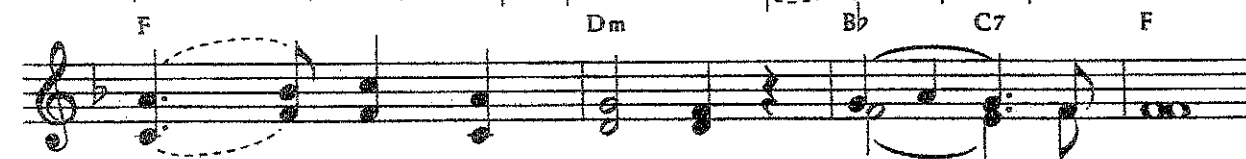
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain,
3 E - nough for him, whom che - ru - bim wor - ship night and day, a
4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



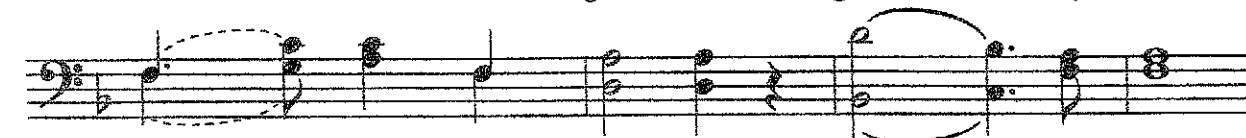
earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone,
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign,
breast full of milk, and a man - ger full of hay. E -
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



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.



684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace: where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace: where
 3 Make me a a chan-nel of your peace. It

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there is hat-red, let me bring your love; where
 there's des-pair in life, let me bring hope; where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em

there is in-jur-y, your heal-ing power, — and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light; — and
 giv-ing to all that we re-ceive, and in

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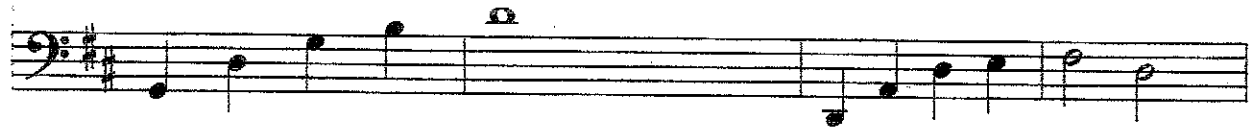
where there's doubt, true faith in you:
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy. O
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

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COMMITMENT: PEACE AND JUSTICE



Spir - it, grant that I may nev - er seek so



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much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

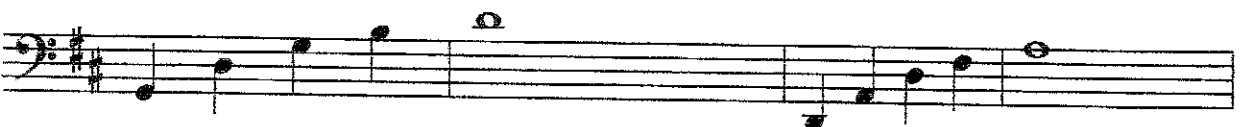


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un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



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loved as to love with all my soul.



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