

# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

May 11, 2025, 10:30am, Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Christian Family Sunday, Mother's Day Sunday

## 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: MV#178 "Who Is My Mother"

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Today, we honour mothers and motherly figures—those who have nurtured, guided, and loved us with a light that reflects God's own care. As we light these candles, we remember their faith, sacrifice, and enduring love.

Lighting the First Candle – **Gratitude**

Lighting the Second Candle – **Strength**

Lighting the Third Candle – **Legacy**

Lighting the Fourth Candle – **Remembering & Healing**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we celebrate our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and all the women who have loved us.

**Thank you God for giving us mothers.**

We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they demonstrated their love for us.

**Sometimes we did not understand them, but we know that God understood.**

We take time to remember our mothers because a mother's love is the most like God's love

**For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom, for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

Loving God, we know your love because we have mothers...

**We thank you for the mothers who carried us in their wombs, nourishing, protecting, and bringing us into the world. We thank you for the mothers who did not give birth to us, yet loved us just the same. We thank you for their kindness when the world has treated us unkindly; we thank you for their soft, comforting arms and the gentle way they kissed away our tears; we thank you that they protected us with the fierceness of a lioness protecting her cubs. Help us to live so that their investment in us might not be in vain. We honor our mothers with lives of service to you in the name of the Risen Christ, for it is in his Name we pray. 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: " "

LEARN TOGETHER: "Amazing Grace" by Sunday School Band

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 1:10-20  
John 19:25-27

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

SERMON: "The Silent Strength of a Mother's Love"

\* HYMN: VU# 268 "Bring Many Names"

READING FOR MOTHER'S DAY: "The Prayer Jar" (*Judith Bennoch*)

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS DAY:

\*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.  
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\*OFFERING PRAYER:

**Dear Lord, out of your great love for us you have provided for our needs. There is food for our tables, clothes to cover us, a roof over our heads and someone to love us. For these gifts we are grateful. Bless now, our tithes and offerings, we ask, so that they may be used to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN VU #556

*"Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"*

\*COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

we lift up the women You have entrusted with the holy work of nurturing, teaching, and loving others. **Strengthen them with Your wisdom, patience, and joy. Fill them with Your Spirit, just as You filled Mary.**

Lord, equip them for every good work.

**Lord, sustain them with Your grace.**

May their homes be filled with peace, their hearts with courage, and their lives with the knowledge that they reflect Your love to the next generation. **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 following the worship Service this morning.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Sarah Louise Delaney, placed by her daughter Martha Fleming.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the Greeter, to Judith Bennoch for being the lay reader, to Christina Travers and the Sunday school band for performing Amazing Grace, to Lisa Brillon and the choir for their musical contribution, to the men 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 will be meeting next TUESDAY May 13th at 2025. Please note the change of date from Wednesday to Tuesday for this month's meeting.

Please consider donating a baking item for the Bake table at the Bake/Yard sale to be held on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Yard Sale donations drop off times: **Thursday**, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon-7pm and **Friday** May 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am-6pm

**Choir Concert Recording – This Sunday!**

The St. Davids-Queenston United Church choir recently participated in the Centennial Celebration Concert. A recording of this special event will be shown **this Sunday, May 11th, at 10:15 AM**, before the worship service. If you'd like to watch, we invite you to arrive a little early. Everyone is welcome!

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 Lolbuc and family, Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, Gary Hunt and family, Ray & Chris Smith, Sandra Dunn, Patti Pozebon, the Vandenburg family and Paula Chant.

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# Who Is My Mother

(Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ)

SWING

♩ = 104 G G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>9</sup> G C C<sup>9</sup>

1 Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?  
 2 Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif ferent - ly la - belled.  
 3 Love will re - late us col - our or sta - tus  
 4 Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion

All those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:  
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:  
 can't seg - re - gate us round Je - sus Christ:  
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:

Spir - it blown peo - ple born from the Gos - pel  
 crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - ture's e - nig - mas,  
 fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings  
 here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,

sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus  
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus  
 all are ac - cept - ed round Je - sus  
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus

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MV #2

RESPONSE

G G7/B C C#dim7 D7sus4 A<sup>b</sup>7 G/D

1-3 4

Christ.  
Christ.  
Christ.  
Christ.

A-men!

# Sisters Let Us Walk Together

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Round 1 2 3

♩ = 100 Cm Fm Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> Cm Fm

1 Sis - ters let us walk to - geth - er, shar - ing sad - ness,  
2 Broth - ers let us work to - geth er, seek - ing jus - tice,  
3 Peo - ple let us love to - geth - er, join - ing spir - its,

Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup> Cm Fm Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm<sup>7</sup>

loss and grief, we will move through pain to whole - ness,  
heal - ing shame, filled with hope, em - bued with cour - age,  
link - ing hands, we are God's un - ique cre - a - tion,

Cm Fm Cm<sup>7</sup> Fm Cm

brok - en - ness trans - formed to peace.  
ev' - ry viol - ence we will name.  
clothed with dig - ni - ty we'll stand.

Written for a worship service to honour the women killed in the Montreal Massacre of 1989, this song can be sung as a unison hymn or as a round, and can be sung using "Sisters," "Brothers," or "People" for all three verses.

# #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.

## Bring Many Names

Unison

Eb Fm Ab Fm Bb  
 1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,  
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,  
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,  
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,

Eb Fm7 Eb Fm Bb  
 cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,  
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,  
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,  
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,

Eb Ab Fm Bb  
 ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
 set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're re - con - ciled:  
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Eb Fm7 Eb Ab Fm 1-5 Eb Fm Bb 6 Eb Ab Bb Eb  
 Hail and ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!  
 Hail and ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
 Hail and ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
 Hail and ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God! great, liv - ing God!

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May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.  
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# 556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families

1 Would you bless our homes and fam - i - lies,  
 2 When our way is un - de - mand - ing,  
 3 From the homes in which we're nur - tured,  
 4 Let us reach be - yond the bound - aries

Source of life who calls us here,  
 let us use the time that's ours  
 with the love that shapes us there,  
 of our dai - ly thought and care

in our world of stress and ten - sion  
 to de - light in sim - ple plea - sures,  
 teach us, God, to claim as fam - i - ly  
 till the fam - ily you have cho - sen

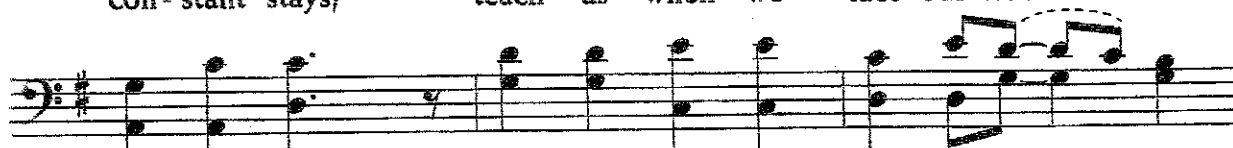
teach us love that con - quers fear.  
 shar - ing joys in gen - tle hours.  
 ev - ery one whose life we share.  
 spills its love out ev - ery - where.



Help us learn to love each oth - er with a love that  
 When our way is anx - ious walk - ing and a heav - y  
 And through all that life may of - fer, may we in your  
 Help us learn to love each oth - er with a love that



con - stant stays, teach us when we face our trou - bles,  
 path we plod, teach us trust in one an - oth - er  
 love re - main, may the love we share in fam - i - lies  
 con - stant stays, teach us when we face our trou - bles



love's ex - pressed in ma - ny ways.  
 and in you, our gra - cious God.  
 be a - live to praise your name.  
 love's ex - pressed in ma - ny ways.



## A Prayer for Homes and Families

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In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.  
 Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,  
 granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,  
 endurance to those who care for sick family members,  
 and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.  
 We thank you for gifts of love we have received  
 from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.  
 As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.  
 Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.