St. Davids-Queenston United Church

November 16, 2025, Twenty-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.

(* Please stand up as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN: # VU 229 "God of The Sparrow"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) We light this candle as a reminder of our soul's connection to eternal mystery, powerful bonds that weave our existence and purpose together to shine brightly in the world as the light of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are clay in the Potter's hands,
worked on the wheel of life,
moulded and shaped by God's touch,
sometimes gently turned,
sometimes forcefully moved,
always being changed by God's love.
We offer ourselves to God Most Holy this day.
We offer our lives, our fears, and our loves,
trusting that God will mould us as God wills.
We come to worship God the Potter

GATHERING PRAYER

Glorious God, we gather here today to sing your praises and to feel your presence near us. With spirits raised, we sing great praises of your righteousness and abundant goodness. We shall declare the glory of your Kin'dom for generations to come. During this time of worship, we ask for you to receive our words, song, and praise as we worship the greatness of your name, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #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: "In Perfect Charity" – Bob Prentice

LEARN TOGETHER: # VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me" v1

(Youth and Children's time)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 3:13-16

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

This is the Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Faith Beyond the Final Score!"

* HYMN: # VU 427 "To Show by Touch and Word"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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: VU 542 "We give You but Thine Own"

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

OFFERING PRAYER:

Loving God, we recognize that your blessings come in so many ways; we seek to be a blessing to others. Use and multiply these gifts so that the work of our church here and around the world can be a sign of your caring presence. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # MV 221 "I am Waking a Path of Peace" * "of Love", "of Hope", and "of Joy"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Let us go from here rejoicing with thankful hearts for all we have received and done during this time together. May we go as faithful followers of Jesus, willing and eager to love and serve others. **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

* PIANO POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please see the insert with respect to the road closures and alternate routes.

November 23, 2025: We joyfully recognize Children's Sunday. We are delighted to have our children actively participating in our worship service through sacred music and readings. Please join the service with love as they contribute to our worship in such a meaningful way.

A Journey Through Advent 2025: Nov 30(Sun) ~ Dec 24(Wed). 2025, Join us this Advent season as we anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. Each Sunday, we'll light a candle of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, culminating in the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to Donna Cardinal for being the greeter, Marianne McRae for being the worship leader, Christina Travers for leading the Sunday School, Sharree Eidt, Bob Prentice and the choir for their musical contribution, 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.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Matt Jones, Roy and Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have also been requested for Michael Fisher, Marcia Tyrell, John Dunn and Family, Gary Hunt and Family and Jeanne Vanderberg and her mother Beaty.

Upcoming Dates to note:

November 30th - 1st Sunday of Advent, Communion will be served.

December 7th - White Gift and Mitten Tree Sunday

December 14th - Blue Christmas service during morning service

December 14th - Christmas Candlelight Cantata

- led by the choir at 7:00 PM

December 24th - Christmas Eve service

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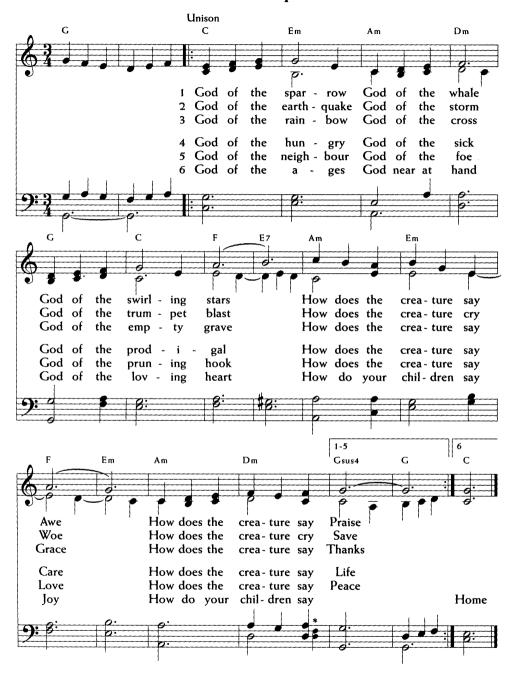
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* additional verses: "of love," "of grace," "of hope," "of joy," "with heart," etc.

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May the Peace of God Be Your Peace 222



This blessing is adapted for congregational use from a choral benediction.