

St. Davids-Queenston United Church
1453 York Road, St. Davids, Ontario L0S 1P0
October 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m. Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 5

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 as you are able)*

Large print hymns are available from the greeters for those who request them.

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # VU 516 “Come, You Thankful People Come”**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we light these candles, we kindle not just a physical flame, but the light of gratitude in our hearts. In the busyness of life, it is easy to overlook our blessings. Let this light remind us to pause and give thanks. **We gather in the warmth of this light, acknowledging that every good gift comes from above.**

1. *Light the first candle of the Gift of Provision*
 2. *Light the second candle of the Gift of Community*
 3. *Light the third candle of the Gift of Hope and Peace*
- (Moment of Silent Reflection) Closing Blessing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our hearts rise in gratitude to the Giver of all good things!

We come to give thanks, for the LORD is good!

For the bounty of the harvest and breath in our lungs,

We praise Your holy name!

For love that surrounds us and grace that sustains us,

Our souls overflow with thankfulness!

Let this be the day we remember and rejoice.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts!

Amen! We enter God’s house with praise!

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator God, provider of seed, water, and sun,

we give you thanks!

For the health and energy of bodies to complete the harvest,

we give you thanks!

For the support of families as we labour,

we give you thanks!

For neighbours who pool resources to bring in the harvest,

we give you thanks!

For your amazing love and grace,

We give you thanks! Amen!

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Sung): #VU 960

MISSION STATEMENT:

**Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,
Grow in Christian Faith and
Go in Community Service**

SACRED MUSIC "Song of Thanksgiving" – Choir

LEARN TOGETHER: # VU 365 "Jesus Loves Me" verse 1

*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: Deuteronomy 8: 7-10
Matthew 6: 31-33

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

SERMON: **"The Harvest of Hope: God's Provision for our Future"**

*HYMN: # VU 227 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HYMN: #VU 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 FOR THE PEOPLE

*OFFERTORY HYMN: # VU 542 "We give You but Thine Own"

*We give You but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

OFFERING PRAYER: **We ask you to bless what we offer, O God, as part of the body of Christ. May our generosity cause ripples of joy-filled laughter and hope to spread. Through these gifts gratefully given, may your blessing become our dance of delight as we share our gifts. Let our commitments be blessed by you and let all we give and receive be in love. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN: # MV 41 "O Beautiful Gaia"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go into our world, following Jesus and seeking his Way. Go into our world aware of the challenges that are present.

Live this Thanksgiving holiday, today and every day, allowing thanksgiving to shape and grow your life by the grace of God, **Amen**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every 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

Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost: The United Church of Canada introduced Creation Time in the Season of Pentecost in 2010. This is a time to realize and celebrate that we live within a miracle – life on the planet Earth, and that we are biologically and spiritually kin with all creation. (Sep 14- Oct 12, 2025)

Fall Food drive will continue for another week. Please bring in your non-perishables to the church next Sunday. They should be placed in the barrel in the narthex.

Sunday Service led by a Committee: Oct 19, 2025. The Spiritual Care Committee will actively participate in the service. You will hear their stories of spiritual and pastoral care and they will also let you know how the committee reaches out to our congregation.

Reformation Sunday: Oct 26, 2025. 508th Year of the Reformation

Join us as we commemorate Reformation Sunday! We give thanks for the rediscovery of the gospel truth: salvation by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, based on Scripture alone, for God's glory alone. **Fun for the Kids!** To celebrate in a joyful spirit, all Sunday School children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

The UCW would like to remind you of our upcoming bazaar Saturday, November 1. We would appreciate donations of baked goods and crafts. Set up will be Friday, October 31 in the morning.

The UCW will meet November 12 at 1:30 in the Parlour.

The monthly pie bake will be on **Friday, October 24** due to Halloween.

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, Bob Prentice for being Lay Reader, Amanda Zu for leading the Sunday School, Sharree Eidt and the choir for their musical contribution, the Men in the Kitchen for preparing coffee and goodies for coffee hour and 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, Roy & 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 & Family, Gary Hunt & Family and Jeanne Vanderburg & her mother Beaty.

516 Come, You Thankful People, Come

F C F Dm C F C F Dm Gm A

1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!
 2 All the world is God's own field, har-vests for God's praise to yield,
 3 For our God, one day, shall come, and shall take this har-vest home,
 4 E - ven so, God, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest-home!

Dm Gm C F G C Dm C G C

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, safe be-fore the storms be - gin,
 wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, here for joy or sor - row grown,
 from the field shall in that day all of - fen - ces purge a - way,
 Ga - ther all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

C C7 F C7 F F7 Bb F7 Bb

God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our needs to be sup - plied:
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 giv - ing an - gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
 there for ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide:

D Gm C F Bb F Dm F C7 F

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!
 Har - vest - giv - er, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har-vest-home.

For the Fruit of All Creation

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G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

C (G) C G (C) Dm C Em Am (G Am) Em Am9

For the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

G D G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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O Beautiful Gaia

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O beau-ti-ful Gai - a, O Gai - a, call-ing us home.

D Em⁷ D/F# E/G# D/A A⁷ D Fine

O beau-ti-ful Gai - a, call - ing us on.

D Em⁷ D/F# G D G Asus⁴ A

- 1 Soil yield - ing its har - vest, O Gai - a, call - ing us home.
- 2 Waves crash - ing on gran - ite, O Gai - a, call - ing us home.
- 3 Pine bend - ing in wind - storm, O Gai - a, call - ing us home.
- 4 Loon nest - ing in marsh - land, O Gai - a, call - ing us home.

D Em⁷ D/F# E/G#

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 Waves crash - ing on gran - ite,
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D/A A⁷ D D.C.

call - ing us on.

The term Gaia (guy'-ah) represents "Mother Earth," inviting us to live into our care and respect for all creation. It asks us to consider our relationship to the earth in the context of our faith.

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