### St. Davids-Queenston United Church

October 19, 2025, 10:30am, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Service Led by the Spiritual Care Committee

#### 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 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) Illuminating God, your radical love enters the world like a new dawn. **Break into our lives with the radiance of a single candle flame. Point us toward the light of healing and wholeness.** 

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Seeking God's way, unsure of what lies ahead,

let the wisdom of God's word help us learn to love.

Confronted by difficulty, stretched by possibility,

let the strength of God's faith help us grow in love.

Challenged by setbacks, disconcerted or confused,

let the promise of God's grace help us persist in love.

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

When our days hurt like a wilderness, empty of nourishment, deserted of hope, you call to us with your Spirit, comforting and sustaining us.

If all around us shadows loom, and our resolve is tested, our faith challenged, you bless us with your presence, strengthening our hearts each day.

Whenever our troubles appear unyielding, the pain unrelenting in our world, you abide, unyielding, by our side; your love is unrelenting in our lives.

For this we thank you, Gracious God, as we come to worship. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) #960

## ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:

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Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace,

Grow in Christian Faith and Go in Community Service.

SACRED MUSIC: "Listen with Your Heart" – Choir

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: Isaiah 6:8-10

Matthew 25:35-40 (Allen Zhang)

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

**SERMON: "The Sacred Act of Reaching Out"** 

STORIES OF REACHING OUT by the Spiritual Care Committee
(MV161 I Have Called You by Your Name by the Committee Members)

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

\*HYMN: # VU 509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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:**

Generous God, it is fun to give. The delight of the recipient is a great gift. May our offerings be pleasing to you and bring you delight, O God. Let them also bring hope to those in need, ministry within this community, and love to those who are hurting. With these gifts, we commit ourselves to the way of love. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # MV 126 "Are You a Shepherd?"

#### **COMMISSIONING AND VESPER**

And the blessing of God, whose love for us is generous beyond the telling of it but not beyond the knowing; the blessing of Jesus, whose stories lead us on good pathways; and the blessing of the Spirit, who moves within us a nd around us to turn the world upside down, go with us as we leave this place of worship. Blessings be with you . 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

#### \* PIANO POSTLUDE

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Reformation Sunday: Oct 29(Sun), 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.

Niagara Region is improving it transmission watermain system. The improvements include replacing approximately 3.4 km of watermain along York Road between Concession 7 and York Road in St. Davids to the west of our church. The intersection of York (Regional Road 81) and Four Mile Creek (Regional Road 100) will be closed to vehicle traffic beginning November 10 and is expected to reopen November 28. More details about detour routes will be provided in future bulletin announcements.

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.

You are invited to Jordan Station United Church spooky Halloween concert Friday October 24 at 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Thank you to Betty Cant for being the greeter, Melanie Kelch for being the Lay Reader, to Sue Foss for leading the Sunday School, to Lisa Brillon, the choir and Christina Travers 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.

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.

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## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

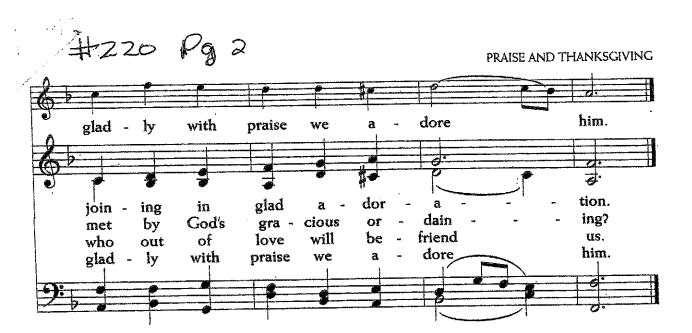
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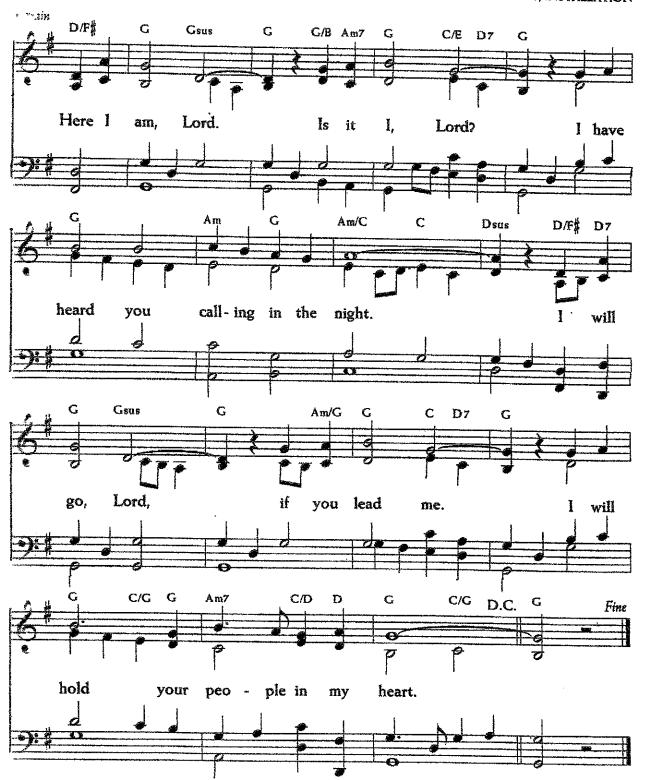


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# I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(Here I Am, Lord)





### MV 126

## Are You a Shepherd?



