

St. Davids-Queenston United Church
October 26, 2025, 10:30am, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation 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.

(* Please stand up as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

***OPENING HYMN: # VU 262 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) Why do we remember this day?

The gospel of grace was reclaimed!

What is our confession? **Christ alone. Faith alone. Grace alone. Scripture alone. To God alone be the glory.**

The just shall live by faith.

Hallelujah! Our chains are gone, we are set free. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day, a people who have been called out of darkness.

Into the marvelous light of God!

Once we were not a people, living in the shadow of sin and death.

But now we are God's people! Once we had not received mercy.

But now we have received mercy.

Let us worship the God who rescues, redeems, and reforms!

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, on this day centuries ago, your truth was proclaimed anew, like a light rekindled in the darkness.

We, your people, gather as heirs of that Reformation. By your Holy Spirit, quiet our hearts now from the distractions of the world. Illumine our minds by your Word, and stir our affections for our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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: "Step by Step" - 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: Romans 3:21-26
1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

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

SERMON: "What Two Oct 31ths Teach Us About Our Faith"

*HYMN # 381 "Spirit of Life"

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:

Generous God, you did not withhold your only Son, but gave him freely for us. All we have is a gift from your hand. We bring these financial gifts before you now, not as a transaction to earn your favor, but as a response of thanks for the grace you have lavished upon us. Use these offerings, and use our very lives, to spread the light of your Reformation truth to a world walking in shadows. We pray in the name of Jesus, the greatest gift. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # MV 115 "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As you go from this place into a world that still knows darkness, remember who you are and what you carry. **We are not people of the night, but children of the light. We are not defined by your sin, but declared righteous by faith in Christ.**

Now, may the God of all grace, who called you out of darkness into the eternal light, equip you with everything good for doing God's will.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. And may the fire of the Holy Spirit, who ignited the Reformation, burn brightly in you, that you might be a beacon of truth and love all your days. **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: 508th Year of the Reformation! Today, we are commemorating 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.

Niagara Region is improving its 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.

Thank you to Nancy Utting for being the greeter, Judith Bennoch for being the worship leader, Sue Foss for leading the Sunday School, Lisa Brillon 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, 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.

Remembrance Day Service: Nov 9 (Sun), We gather to remember the fallen, to honour women and men, and to seek God's peace for a wounded world. All are welcome to join our service as we reflect, pray, and give thanks for the gift of freedom and the Prince of Peace.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Descant

4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

them, a - bid - eth, the Spir - it and the gifts are ours

fail - ing, our help - er sure a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed the
 bid - eth, the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

through Christ, who with us sid - eth, let goods and kin - dred go,

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us: the prince of dark - ness grim, we
 Christ, who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go, this

mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:
 seek to work us woe, with power and mal - ice great, and
 Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him, his rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's

God's truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for - ev - er.
 armed with cru - el hate, on earth he has no e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for ev - er.

Spirit of Life

C Dm G C Am

Spir - it of Life, come un - to me. Sing in my

Dm G C

heart all the stir - rings of com - pas - sion. Blow in the

F G7 Em Am Dm7

wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giv - ing

G C F G7

life the shape of jus - tice. Roots hold me close; wings set me

Em Am Dm7 G C

free; Spir - it of Life, come to me, come to me.

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WORD

MV

115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

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Be - hold, (be - hold,) be - hold, (be - hold,) I make all things new, be -

gin - ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -

hold, (be - hold,) be - hold, (be - hold,) I make all things new, my

pro - mise is true, for I am Christ the way.

A simple refrain for women and men's voices in two parts, with an optional alto pedal line.

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