

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

September 14, 2025, 10:30am, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Creation Time 1

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.

Large print hymns are available from the greeters
for those who would like to have them.

(* Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN # VU 477 “I Come with Joy”

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light a candle— to shine a light that also lives within us, a light that calls us to share the love of Christ in every corner of the world. **We give thanks for the meaning and purpose Jesus offers to our living, calling us to bring healing, hope, justice, and reconciliation to others.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our hearts ponder the beauty of God’s majesty!

It’s a poem of love for Creation.

Our pens are ready to write, our brushes are ready to paint
the wonders of God’s work!

The firmament displays the sea and sky—

proclaiming the majesty of God’s presence.

A God of awe and wonder is worthy of all praise!

May the Creator God come bless our hearts,

that we may show compassion, love, and care—

for all good gifts made for God’s pleasure and our delight!

May we be humble, respectful, and grateful

for Creation and for a God who keeps creating.

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GATHERING PRAYER

Creator God, we thank you for creating this glorious world and for providing a safe place for us to come and worship. Help us to be silent this morning so that we may receive your word and know that you are God, the Creator of all that is. 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: "As the Deer" (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: Nehemiah 2:17 - 20

1 Corinthians 12:27 - 31

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

SERMON: “Building Together; Strengthening What is Strong, Filling What is Lacking”

*HYMN: #VU 611 “Out of The Depths, O God, We Call to You”

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 PEOPLEOFFERTORY 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:

Holy One, you have called us friends and named us partners in your work of Creation. Accept the gifts we bring and bless them for your use, that they may reveal to others the depth of your love for all people and for Creation itself. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN # VU 595 "We are Pilgrims"COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Rejoice in the one true God. We will praise God, creator and originator of our planet, our galaxy. We will worship God, who has given life to humankind. **We will respond to God, at work among peoples everywhere caring for Creation. We will acknowledge God, in the days of rejoicing and the days of hard testing. We will serve God with compassion and patience. We will honour God with courage and hard questions.**

Rejoice in the one true God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
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 POSTLUDEANNOUNCEMENTS

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)

Thank you to Florence Turner for being the greeter, to Judith Bennoch for being the Lay Reader, to Amanda Xu for leading the Sunday School, to Lisa Brillon and the choir 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.

Christian Education Committee is looking for one or two Sunday School teachers. If you are interested, please let Sue Foss or Rev. Baek know.

The Christian Education Committee and Sunday School Teachers will be meeting immediately following church on Sunday, September 22, 2025.

Once again, we will be collecting items for the homeless including personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, tissues, socks, toques, nail clippers, combs, shampoo, personal hygiene items and any other travel items. Donations are also appreciated. The shopping will be done for you. We would like to deliver these items around Thanksgiving. Items should be given to Sue Cote.

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.