

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

September 21, 2025, 10:30am, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 2

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.

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU# 316 "Praise our Maker"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there." **We light the Christ candle, sign and symbol of Christ's presence among us.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The roads we travelled today to this place helped us experience a small part of God's beautiful creation. We glory in the foods that are produced in our midst: **the awesome diversity of corn and zucchini, squash and tomatoes, pumpkins and green beans.**

God feeds us through the warmth of sunshine, the rain, and the rich soil. We are God's creation partners who sow the seeds and keep threats to growth to a minimum.

We do our part as co-creators in our small corners.

And yet, God's creation is so much bigger than we can even imagine. The universe is filled with things we have not even seen.

**We cannot understand the whole picture of creation, but we can
move back from time to time to remember that we are not the only ones God has created.**

Let us worship our Creator God, with praise, with and with hope!

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

SACRED MUSIC: "May Sunshine Light Your Way" Emma Zhang

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: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Joel 2:28-32

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

SERMON: “God’s Hope for the Church’s Future”

* HYMN: #VU 506 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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:

Ever-merciful God, your love never ceases to astound us. All around us are small and large signs of your greatness. From such small things as a tiny seed grow amazing plants! From our meagre offerings grows a flourishing church community. How astounding! Bless all things great and small, so that we might live faithfully and serve you graciously. In the name of the Redeeming Christ, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #VU 260 “God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness”

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go forth this day with the confidence of God’s love written in your heart. Whatever this week brings, trust that your heart will cling to God and God will guide you with grace and surround you with mercy, **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*

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)

Orange Shirt Day: On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential schools. Orange Shirt Day is a time for us all to remember those people and their ongoing impact, and just as importantly the continuing strength and resilience of Indigenous peoples. Please wear Orange shirts **on 28th September** as you are able.

World Wide Communion Sunday is October 5.

The flowers today are in memory of Neil Foss.

Christian Education and Teachers meeting will be held today after church in the ladies' parlour.

Thank you to Warren Stainton for being the greeter, to Larry McRae for being the Lay Reader, to Sue Foss for leading the Sunday

School, to Emma Zhang for her solo, 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.

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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