



# St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



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## 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 79 “Arise, Your Light is Come”

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed is our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin’dom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
Kin’dom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

### INVOCATION

May the name of the Lord be blessed forever, for his name is before the sun.

**All the nations of the earth will be blessed through him and all generations  
will extol him.**

Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, the only worker of wondrous deeds, the holy  
name of his glory is forever blessed.

**The whole world will be filled with his glory. Amen!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Now and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

Again in peace let us beseech the Lord. Heed our prayers, raise us to life and  
have mercy on us.

**Blessing and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now  
and always and unto the ages of ages. Amen.**

### LITANY

(Light the Christ candle) From Sunrise in the East to Sunset in the West, and  
throughout the entire Christian world, wherever people call on the name of the  
Lord in holiness – by their prayers and intercession may the Lord have mercy on  
us.

**Let us beseech God to deliver us from sin and from the temptations of the  
world. May the Lord accept the vows and supplications of our hearts and  
count us worthy of his faith and his commandments together with all of his  
saints.**

Almighty Lord our God, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

**A Raise us to life, O Lord! That the Lord may usher forth this sunlit morning and guide the day ahead in peace; with faith, let us beseech the Lord.**

### **PRAYER AND SHARING THE PEACE**

From Sunrise in the East to Sunset in the West, blessed are you, O Lord, because you are King, and your name is revered throughout the universe.

**Let our psalmody resound sweetly in your hearing. Let justice dawn from your righteousness and rise over our frailty, and may your most holy name be glorified.**

Let us become worthy to abide by your commandments and to sing praise and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Peace to all.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us bow down to God.

**Before you, O Lord.**

SACRED MUSIC: "Born is the Light of the World" vocals by Bob Prentice

LEARN TOGETHER: # VU 577 "I've Got Peace like a River"

(Youth and Children's time)

*I've got peace like a river\*, I've got peace like a river\*,  
I've got peace like a river\* in-a my soul. I've got peace like a river\*,  
I've got peace like a river\*, I've got peace like a river\* in-a my soul.  
2, love like an ocean, 3, joy like a fountain*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:6-11

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

SERMON: "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope"

\* HYMN : # VU 312 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Bathed in the light of the Wisdom of Christ, together, let us confess our common faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

For us all, and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

**On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kin'dom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

**Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the age to come. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN : VU #55 "In The Bleak Midwinter"**

*What can I give him? Poor as I am. If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wiseman I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give him. Give my heart.*

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

**Gracious God, we bring these gifts before you as a symbol of our shared life in Christ. Bless these offerings, and use them to further your work of reconciliation in our divided world. As our resources are united for your purpose, may your Church be united in love and witness, so that the world may believe. We pray in the name of Jesus, our one foundation. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN # VU 402 "We are One"**

**CLSOING PRAYER**

Again, in peace, let us beseech the Lord.

**Let us glorify Almighty God, who has shined his light upon his creatures. Now, may he once more shine his abundant mercy upon those who glorify his name in song.**

Almighty Lord our God, raise us to life and have mercy on us.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Gracious and almighty Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you are the true Light, who cast out the darkness of sin, and shined into our hearts the joy and hope of your eternal Kin'dom. **Lord, have mercy.**

Shine the light of your righteousness and wisdom on all your creatures. Make us children of light and children of the day, so that we may always live our lives reverently, and become for all the world, worthy lampstands for your life-giving light. **Lord, have mercy.**

For you are our Saviour, and to you be glory, dominion and honour, now and always and unto the ages of ages. **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



This week, our worship and reflections are guided by the official resources for **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 (Jan 18-25)**. This annual observance invites Christians worldwide to pray together for the visible unity of Christ's Church.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service this morning. Today we'll be serving cake to celebrate our members born in January.**

**Thank You** to **Marilyn Beatty** for being the greeter, to **Bob Prentice** for being the worship leader, to **Anthony Scaringi** for his piano playing, also to **Bob Prentice** for his vocal contribution, to **Enoch Cho** for leading the Sunday School, to the **UCW Ladies** for preparing coffee and goodies for the coffee hour and to **Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker** for livestreaming the Worship Service this morning.



**Prayers** have been requested for Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Jim Gates, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Rev. Doug Jones, Matt Jones, Mary Buttle, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Michael Antoniuk, Sandi Sinclair, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, Helen Herriott, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Sue Foss & family, as they grieve another dear family member.

**Continuing prayers** have also been requested for Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher and Jennifer Fulton.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Spiritual Care Committee** meets on Wednesday January 28 at 1PM in the CE Hall. *New members are always welcome!*

**Baptism & Confirmation Class: Feb 1(Sun) - Mar 1(Sun)**, we invite our youth (age 11+) to deepen their walk with Christ through a special 5-week class, beginning **February 1st right after the Sunday worship service**. Please contact Rev. Baek or Sue Foss (Chair of the Education Committee) if you have any questions.

**Pancake Luncheon:** Our Sunday School will be serving brunch after the service on February 15, 2026. *More details to follow.*

**Your Help is Appreciated**, by taking home your bulletin. The city has suspended recycling services to businesses, including churches. Thank you for your help with this!



## **Arise, Your Light Is Come (VU #79)**

Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones  
And comfort those who morn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.

## **Praise With Joy the World's Creator (VU #312)**

“Praise with joy the world's Creator,  
God of justice, love, and peace,  
Source and end of human knowledge,  
God whose grace shall never cease.  
Celebrate the Maker's glory,  
Power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,  
Frees the captive, finds the lost,

Heals the sick, upsets religion,  
Fearless both of fate and cost.  
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:  
Friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,  
Liberating truth from pride,  
Forging bonds where race or gender,  
Age or nation dare divide.  
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:  
Foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,  
One God in community,  
Calling Christians to embody  
Oneness and diversity.  
This the world shall see reflected:  
God is One and One in Three.

## **We Are One (VU #402)**

We are one as we come, as we come, joyful to be here,  
In the praise on our lips there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing, as we seek, we are found;  
And we come needful of God's grace as we meet, together in this place.

We are one as we share; as we share brokenness and fear,  
In the touch of a hand there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care, as we heal, we are healed;  
And we share warmth in God's embrace as we pray together in this place.

We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
In the bread and the wine there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come, as we feed, we are fed;  
And we feel God's refreshing grace as we meet at table in this place.

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
In the word we receive there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved;  
And we seek justice in God's ways as we move together from this place.