

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

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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.

*Today we welcome Derrick Herriott
and thank him for his leadership!*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: VU# 412 "This is the Day"

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates O God;

We will go in, we will go in, to your holy place, to your holy place.

Open to us your gates, O God, we will go into your holy place.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name;

We will give thanks, we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.

You are our God, we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

In John 15:10–12 it is written 'If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.' It is our desire, Holy One to welcome Your Presence into our presence in worship with the lighting of the candle.

You Lord, are the Light. We pray that as we see the sanctuary brighten, that you would help our lives reflect Your light. And as we come to worship 'let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!' (Psalm 95:1–2)

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118)

Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let the church say, Let St David's Queenston say,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us all proclaim,

God's steadfast love endures forever.

In our distress we can call on our Creator,
who will answer us and set us in a broad place.

A place of prayer and singing, a place of listening and love.

God has brought us now to this place of praise and worship.

This is the day that our God has made;

This is the space where our God has set us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the Holy One, who is good,

For God's steadfast love endures forever.

GATHERING PRAYER

There is new life in Jesus Christ, as there was new life for Peter;

An end to fishing on the lake, a beginning to changing others, and discovering his own limits.

There is new life in Jesus Christ, as there was new life for Mary Magdalene;

An end to searching for a purpose, a beginning to finding acceptance, and knowing her true friend.

There is new life in Jesus Christ, as there was for Matthew the tax-gatherer;

An end to the taking advantage of others, a beginning to the sharing of love in community.

There is new life in Jesus Christ, as there was for Saul of Tarsus;

An end to attacking Christians, a beginning to an adventure with Christ, and mission to a hostile world.

There is new life in Jesus Christ, new life for each of us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) VU#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 ANTHEM: "The Trees in the Hill"

LEARN TOGETHER: HAPPINESS AND JOY

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 1:1-12 NIV

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

SERMON: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAPPINESS AND JOY

HYMN: VU #232 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

*Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.*

*You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

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

OFFERING HYMN (to the tune of Edelweiss)

*God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Giver of all Blessings, You have given to us beyond our wildest dreams, and we are called to a thankful response.

Empower us, Challenging Spirit, to respond generously, wisely and compassionately, that our gifts combined with the gifts of others, may follow the pattern of Jesus Christ, and become a lively blessing. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: VU #59 "Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns: let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the earth with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the
glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

*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

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service. Today we're serving cake to celebrate all our members with July birthdays.



Thank You

to Elma Gardner for being our greeter,
to Melanie Kelch for being our worship leader,
to Lisa Brillon & the Choir for their musical contribution, the
Kitchen Helpers for coffee & treats after the service and to Allen Zhang, Bill
Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu for livestreaming our Service.

In Our Prayers: Sue Foss, Clair Boyda, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George
Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan &
sister Ruth Nelson and Willy Harrison.

Continuing Prayers: Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella,
Darren Deesin, Paul Dotter, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher,



*The flowers this morning are in loving memory of
Jerry Bergsma in honour of his birthday.
Placed by Dianne, from their garden.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to all the ladies & gents who enabled our pie sale!



The craft group will meet next Wednesday, July 29th.

Join us this August as we embark on a **31-day
journey of spiritual renewal**. We invite you to receive "Daily
Healing and Strength Prayers" to guide your quiet time. Copies
are available in the narthex and on the welcome table (CE Hall).

