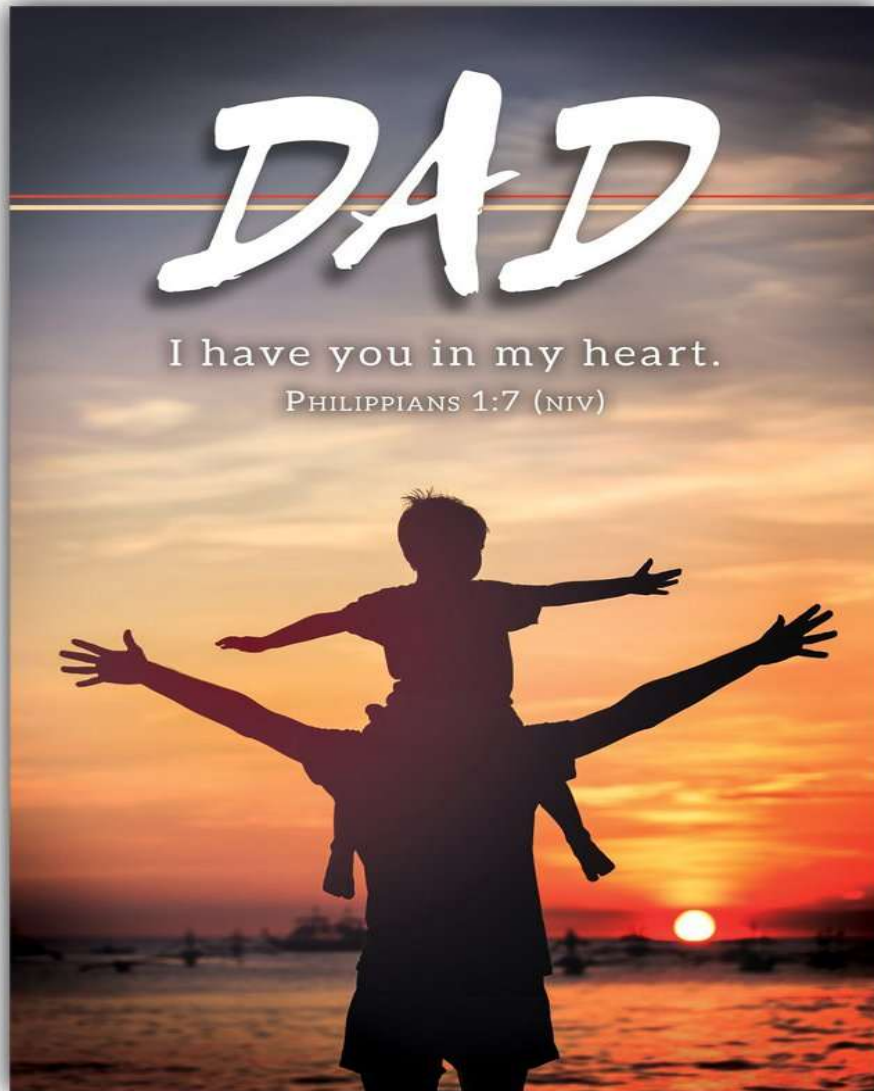


Welcome to *St. Davids-Queenston United Church*

June 21, 2026, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
FATHER'S DAY



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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, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #MV 126 "Are You a Shepherd?"

*Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us safely through danger,
while calming our fears?*

*Are you a father who shelters and feeds us, shares in our laughter and wipes
away tears?*

Refrain: *Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher, but you are greater
than all that we know.*

Holy and living, loving and giving, God, you are with us wherever we go.

*Are you a mother, good mother who bears us, comforts, protects us and
helps us to rest?*

*Are you a teacher who daily prepares us, challenging students to offer their
best? **R***

*Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us, lead all your children in paths that
are right.*

*Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us. We want to love you and
bring you delight. **R***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. In this light, there is no outsider, no loneliness, and no shadow that his love cannot reach. **May this light warm our hearts today, Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are weary, all who are rejoicing, all who are seeking a home.

We come into the presence of the God who breathes life into us.

Today we celebrate love, the love that protects, the love that nurtures, and the love that holds us tight.

We honour the fathers, the father-figures, the mentors, and the spiritual guides among us.

And we open our arms to those whose hearts are heavy today, reminding them that they are not alone.

Let us worship the God of all comfort, our eternal Parent, who gathers us as one family. Amen.

GATHERING PRAYER

Loving and Compassionate God, You are the ultimate source of life and love. As we gather today on this Father's Day, we thank you for the gift of family in all its diverse and beautiful forms. Open our hearts to receive your Word today. Heal the wounds we carry, amplify the joy we feel, and knit us together into a community of grace where everyone belongs. In Jesus' 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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Gentle Voice"

LEARN TOGETHER: "I Love It" (Youth and Children's time)

I Love It (X 4) Jesus Said, Let the Children Come to Me Do Not Stop Them

I Love It (X 4) Jesus, Took the Children in His Arms Blessed Them!

I Love It (X 4) I Love you Jesus, I Love It (X 5)!!!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 103:8-14 & 1 John 4:9-12

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

SERMON: "The Family of the Unconditional Love"

HYMN # VU 555 "Our Parent, by Whose Name"

*Our Parent, by whose name all parenthood is known,
Who in your love proclaim each family your own: direct all parents, guarding
well, with constant love as sentinel, the homes in which your people dwell.*

*O Jesus, who, a child within an earthly home, with heart still undefiled did to
adulthood come: Our children bless, in every place,
That they may all behold your face, and, knowing you, may grow in grace.*

*O Spirit, who can bind our hearts in unity, and teach us so to find the love from
self set free: In all our hearts such love increase, that every home, by this
release, may be the dwelling place of peace.*

FAITH STORY AND PRAYERS FOR FAMILY

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*We bring to you Lord, our hearts full and ready
Because of Your grace and provision
All of creation, it cries for redemption
The heartbeat of Your love's inclusion
The hands of one join hands with the many
Our time, our talent, our treasure
We pray to you Lord, receive these our gifts
And use them in Your love's good measure.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Generous God, we bring to you not just our money, but our lives, our time, and our love. We ask that you bless these gifts. Use them to feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and build a bigger table where everyone can find a place. May our giving be a reflection of the unconditional love we have received from you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 556 "Would You Bless Our Home and Family"

*Would you bless our homes and families, Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.*

*When our way is undemanding, let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures, sharing joys in gentle hours.
When our way is anxious walking and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another and in you, our gracious God.*

*From the homes in which we're nurtured with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family everyone whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer, may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families be alive to praise your name.*

*Let us reach beyond the boundaries of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go out into the world now, surrounded by the love of God our Parent. Be a parent to the fatherless, a comfort to the grieving, and a friend to the lonely. Remember that you are never outside of God's reach, and you are never alone.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Creator who made you, the Christ who redeemed you, and the Holy Spirit who sustains you and binds us together as one family, be with you now and forevermore.

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

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following the Worship service.



Thank You

to **Betty Cant** for being our greeter,
to **Larry McRae** for being our worship leader,
to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir** for their musical contribution, to
Enoch Cho for leading our Sunday School, to 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, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan & sister Ruth Nelson and Weldon (Willy) Harrison.

Continuing Prayers: Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella, Darren Deesin, Paul Dotter, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Jennifer Fulton.



We are saddened to hear of the passing of Margaret Ballantyne this past Monday morning. She died in her sleep, in the nursing home in Markham where she has resided for the past few years. Marg would have been 104 this August. Please include her son Ron and his family in your prayers.



Alter flowers today are provided by
Martha Fleming, for her father.



"Happy Birthday and Happy Fathers Day to SHELDON C. DELANEY"

GOD BLESS *our Fathers*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the last Sunday School for the season. Once again, thank you to Rev. YongSeok and to Enoch, Christina, Amanda and Sue Foss for your heart-felt dedication.



Memorial Service for Jim (James) Gates: Saturday, June 27, 12pm in our sanctuary. All are welcome to honour Jim's life and share memories.

New offering cards are available on the greeters' shelf in the Narthex. Members who use PAR or E-transfers may now use this card to put into the plate so that it's included in the service's blessing

