

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church



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UNION SUNDAY



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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: #VU 218 "We Praise You, O God"

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.*

*With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly offer our songs of thanksgiving we raise
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) The candle is lit, and we honour our diversity: **young and old, downhearted and joyful, each of us differently abled, strong in faith and searching for a faith.**

The candle is lit for us all, and in the light of Christ, our service begins.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe that our relationships with the Creator, the land, the people, the plants, and the animals are sacred. Let us honour these sacred relationships as we gather together to worship God. We are one in the Spirit. From deep soil comes bold and daring growth. From the seeds of our past will come fresh new growth.

We come today to marvel at what has been harvested and prepare for what will come.

We come to celebrate where we are and where we have been.

We come rejoicing with our ancestors and partners in faith across generations:

The Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians, The Evangelical United Brethren, and Local Union Churches, The Indigenous Church, The Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, The United Church of Christ, The United

Church of Christ in the Philippines, and The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

We give thanks to God for the blessings of past, present, and future, and dare to plant these seeds of faith anew!

GATHERING PRAYER

Again and again, God, we come to this time and place with a song!

Each day you give us a chance to begin anew:

to drink deeply of your Spirit, to boldly follow in the Way of Jesus, and to dare to seek justice as we seek relationship with our neighbours and you.

Again and again, God, you call us out of our old lives and into your new day.

And so, as we celebrate the 101st anniversary of The United Church of Canada, help us to reflect back with clarity upon all that deserves to be celebrated, all that deserves to be lamented, and all that deserves to be let go.

The church is not perfect, God, but we are yours, and we trust that you are with us every day.

This day, and always, help us to be good grain that is planted and tended by your love, so that in the year to come, the United Church may flourish in this time and place. 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: "Alleluia, Sing Your Praise"

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: Ephesians 4:1-12 & Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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

SERMON: "The Mystery of Togetherness: Finding Strength in Our Differences"

HYMN # VU 602 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*

*Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

*The glorious hope revives our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

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 the 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:

Gracious God, we believe that you are calling us forward into a new day. We believe that you have a future for The United Church of Canada, that is rooted in your abundant life, and we trust you with this future, even though it's beyond the horizon of our dreams. So, we offer you the blessings you have already given us - our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes - so that you might use them and transform them for the good of your whole world. May these gifts be a blessing to the people of The United Church of Canada and beyond! All this, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 691 "Though Ancient Walls"

*Though ancient walls may still stand proud and racial strife be fact,
though boundaries may be lines of hate, proclaim God's saving act!*

REFRAIN: *Walls that divide are broken down; Christ is our unity!
Chains that enslave are thrown aside; Christ is our liberty!*

*When vested power stands firm entrenched and breaks another's back,
when waste and want live side by side, it's Gospel that we lack. R*

*The truth we seek in varied scheme, the life that we pursue,
unites us in a common quest for self and world made new. R*

*The church divided seeks that grace, that newness we proclaim,
a unity of serving love that lives praise to God's name. R*

*This broken world seeks lasting health and vital unity.
God's people, by God's Word renewed, cast off all slavery. R*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Beloved, as you go into the world this day and this year, may you receive this blessing as both gift and call:

**Blessed are you who give your life to living deeply within the Spirit's call,
who long to be planted fully within the heart of Christ and to love God's
world with all your heart.**

Blessed are you who give your life to bold discipleship, who plant the Saviour's seeds of love, faith, hope, and joy, and trust that God will nurture these seeds with a future good beyond your imagining.

**And blessed are you who give your life to daring justly for all Creation, you
whose heart breaks open like a seed in the earth as you give your life for
the flourishing of all places and people.**

Blessed are we who live this life and give this life, for we are not alone in this living and dying and rising again.

God is with us! God is with us! God is with us!

And we are blessed to be a blessing, now and always.

Thanks be to God! Let the people say, Amen. **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 birthday cake, coffee and fellowship in the CE hall, following the service this morning.



Thank You

to **Florence Turner** for being our greeter,
to **Marianne McRae** for being our worship leader,
to **Lisa Brillon & the Choir** for their musical contribution, 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.



Flowers on the alter today are in loving memory of my husband, Brian Milner and my parents, Bill and Mary Brown, from Cindy Milner and Family.



Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of David Warren Arseneau who passed June 27th, 2022. With love and gratitude, Barb Allman

Thank you Karen Horbach for donating the flowers to beautify our outdoor bed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Do you have a fundraising idea for our committee? Please let us know by completing the orange paper on the Welcome Table (in front of the kitchen) or by email to sdqsecretary@bellnet.ca.

