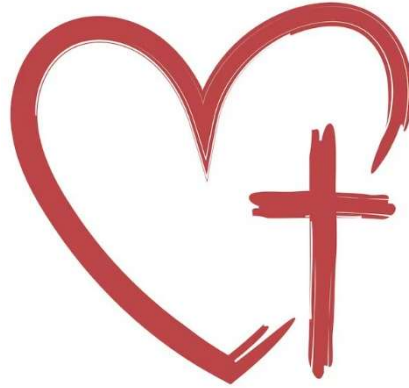




St. Davids-Queenston United Church

March 15, 2026, Fourth Sunday in Lent 2026



*We love because
He first loved us.*
1 John 4:19

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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)

*OPENING HYMN: # VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. As we continue our journey toward the Cross, we remember that even in the deepest shadows, God's light is breaking through.

Lord, open our eyes that we may see the light of Your presence among us.
(Lighting the Christ candle): We light the candle to remind us of the hope and grace that sustain us. Even when the path is difficult, Your love guides our steps.
Loving God, as we light this candle, dispel the darkness of our hearts. Help us to walk as children of the light and to reflect Your love to the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in worship, seeking God's guidance and love.

May this time of worship fill us with the Spirit, to restore our faith and our hope in God's presence.

Although we are well-intended, we need God's word to renew our direction and commitment.

May this time of worship strengthen our hearts to follow God's way.

God calls us to support each other and draw on the example of those who went before.

May this time of worship comfort us with the truth of God's love throughout the ages.

In worship, let us welcome God into our hearts.

In worship, let us affirm our love of God and God's love for us.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy One, when we fear endings or change, we often don't know how to cope.

Sometimes we seek someone to blame. Sometimes we seek a way to escape, a pleasant distraction, or silently we grieve and withdraw.

In such times, O Beloved, open our hearts that we may call on you, that we may lean into your eternal and gracious love.

Let us sense your unshakable presence, and thus supported, may we open ourselves to truth.

May we honour our fears, sadness, and anger. May we learn from the wisdom held in these emotions. Accompany us, we pray.

Pour your Holy Spirit upon us and strengthen us that we may face our changes with courage and compassion. 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: "I Have Not Seen, Yet I Believe" *Bob Prentice*

LEARN TOGETHER: #MV188 "I Thank You, Thank You, Jesus"

I thank you, thank you, Jesus (3X) in my heart. (repeat)

I love you, love you, Jesus, (3X) in my heart. (repeat)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hebrews 10:22-25

1 John 3:16-18

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

SERMON: "The Outward Ripple of Lent"

HYMN # VU 371 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH:

OFFERTORY HYMN: VU 236 "Now Thank We All Our God" v 1

*Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Creator God, we thank you for the ability to share our time, talent, and money to further your work in the world. We ask that you bless these gifts that they may provide for our neighbours both near and far. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 635 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As we move forward from this place, may the Eternal Beloved guide and bless us
so that we may journey the path that Jesus journeyed before us,
so that we remember to notice Jesus' presence in all the people we meet,
so that we remember to reflect God's love to all we engage with,
so that we remember that we are God's incarnation,
so that we remember that we are God's anointed ones,
and so that we recognize the Beloved day by day. **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 this morning.

Thank You to **Marilyn Beatty** for being our greeter, to **Larry McRae** for being our worship leader, to **Sharree Eidt** and **the choir** for their musical contribution, to our Sunday School leader, to the **UCW Ladies** for preparing coffee and goodies for our coffee hour and to **Allen Zhang/Bill Utting/Steve Hardaker** for livestreaming our Worship Service.



*The flowers today are provided by Dianne Bergsma,
in loving memory of her husband, Jerry.*



Prayers have been requested for Rakseon Baek (백락선), Cecile Peters, Sue Foss, Jill Dill, Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan, John and Eleanor Macdonald's daughter - Kirstie Duarte, and Anthony Logan Siconolfi.

Continuing prayers have been requested for Rev. Doug Jones, Matt Jones, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher and Jennifer Fulton.

"If two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:19-20 NIV

Prayerful remembrance for Jim Gates. We are sad to announce the passing of our dear member, who will be missed. Our heartfelt condolences to his loved ones. ❤️

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Lent in 2026 February 18 ~ April 4

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.



- Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 2nd- 7pm, Maundy Thursday (hand washing) Service
- April 3rd - 10:30am, Good Friday Service
- April 5th - Easter Sunday

Lenten Bible Reading Challenge: Journey to the Cross: To make the 2026 Lenten season more meaningful, our church is launching the "**Lenten Bible Reading Plan: Journey to the Cross.**" We invite you to join this challenge to deeply meditate on the life of Jesus and experience spiritual growth during this sacred season. Pick up your reading plan in the narthex. We look forward to your active participation!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ian Kirby Smith's funeral is on Friday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. at Grace United Church in Dunnville. Rev. Kirby Smith served Grace United Church from 1991 to 2002 and also served Bethany United Church in Attercliffe Station.

Samaritan's Purse called to thank our members for packing 51 boxes that were shipped to children in need last Christmas. He noted that these were also a Christian expression of love, inspiring recipients to hear about Jesus.

Easter Food Drive: For neighbours in need, please consider dropping a donation into the bin at the front door.

Thank you for your 2025 contributions to sustain our building, purpose, faith and mission. Please pick up your tax slip, on the table in front of the kitchen.

Our Daily Bread: A reminder that these booklets are available for your use. Check them out, at the narthex entry and in front of the kitchen.



THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

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Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;
 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways,
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

Words: Irish ca. 8th century, trans. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull 1912, alt.
 Music: Irish traditional melody

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Open My Eyes, That I May See

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

Refrain

VU #635 All the Way My Saviour Leads Me

1 All the way my Savior leads me,
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

2 All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see;

3 All the way my Savior leads me,
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages
Jesus led me all the way;