



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.

** Please stand, as you are able*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*OPENING HYMN:# VU 104 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Light the Christ candle) We light this candle because it's important to do so even when we feel as if we are just going through the motions. **We show up, even on days we don't feel like it, because we have chosen the Way of Jesus. We have chosen to honour God in the little things and through the habits we cultivate day by day, week by week, like lighting the Christ candle.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

You enter into this place wondering where you will be taken this time around on the Lenten journey.

Yet we know that it is a safe place, a place of comfort.

You also know that this is a place of transformation. Yet you return.

Transformation is precisely who we are as a church. We are not afraid.

How can you be so certain?

We've travelled this path before. We know what it takes when times get tough.

You'll be challenged, questioned, backed into a corner...

But we will never be alone.

Praise be to God!

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GATHERING PRAYER

God of all love, we travel up and down the daily routines in our lives, and we know you are with us. We ask you to open our hearts, minds, and spirits to embrace your loving presence in this worship time today, so that we may go out and share your love in the ups and downs of our daily routines. 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: “Take it to the Lord in Prayer”

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: Genesis 12:1–4a and John 3:1–17

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

SERMON: “The Unconditional Start: You Are Already Loved”

*HYMN # MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name”

NEW CREED:

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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:

Jesus, let our offerings flow with gratitude and appreciation!

Grateful for your Spirit of hope flowing into people’s lives, anointing the communities you travel through, let our offerings continue the ministry and work you intend.

We place on the offering plate our relationships with the people around us, an expression of our valuing of faithful community: lives celebrated, dignity and respect honoured.

On the offering plate this morning is your own amazing grace.

Take and use these offerings, and do all that the Spirit is willing to do, here and across the country and around the world through Mission and Service. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

As you go out from here, may God's love guide and protect and strengthen you.

In all things, may God show us the way.

The blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, the blessing of the Son of God, born of Mary to be the Saviour of the world, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, always guiding us, be with us 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 this morning

Thank You to **Nancy Utting** for being our greeter, to **Melanie Kelch** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon** and **the choir** for their musical contribution, to **Christina Travers** for leading our Sunday School, 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.

God Answers Prayer

Prayers have been requested for Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Jim Gates, 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.

Lent in 2026 Feb 18(Wed) ~ Apr 4(Sat)

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.

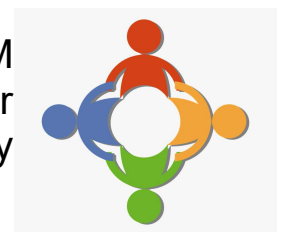


- Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 2nd- 7pm, Maundy Thursday (hand washing) Service
- April 3rd - 10:30am, Good Friday Service
- April 5th - Easter Sunday

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!

Prayer Circle

Lenten Journey: Join us every Wednesday from 1PM to 1:45 PM in the downstairs parlor. During this Lenten season, we will gather to read the Lenten Challenge scriptures, sing praises, and pray together. We look forward to seeing you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation Class: Today we have nine youths completing the lessons, to deepen their walk with Christ.

World Day of Prayer: March 6 @ 1PM, St Marks Church, 41 Byron St., NOTL
Anyone interested in attending, please contact Judy Kerr.

UCW Meeting in March is cancelled.

Beef-on-a-Bun, Friday March 13 @ 6PM. Doug McArthur and the Activities Committee welcome all to Beef-on-a-Bun/ Euchre night. Adults are \$13 and children (12 & under) are \$5. Please let Doug know if you can donate a pie.

Tooney Sunday is next week. There will be a collection box in the Narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected goes to support local mission outreach projects.

Michael Antoniuk; A Celebration of Life service will be held March 11(Wed) at 12:00PM @ Grantham Optimist Hall, 188 Linwell Rd., St. Catharines.

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

Men's Winter Outerwear & Boots: If you can help Newark Neighbours supply our migrant workers, please deliver items to them at 1534 Niagara Stone Road, Virgil. Call 905-468-3519 for hours.

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 Sanctuary entrance and in front of the kitchen.

VU 104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
 2 Light breaks in up - on our dark - ness, splen - dour
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful

high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
 bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mos - es and E -
 lest our faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter

hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's
 li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is
 find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a

grace. Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our
 heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the
 shrine. But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro -

faith is not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
 Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments drenched in
 claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for stands a sign both clear and plain.
 bright - ness, stands a trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name”

1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

2 I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

3 I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

4 I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Descant

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
 D G A7 G D

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
 G D E (B7 E7) A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—
 A7 D D Em D G

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.
 as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see, all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see, all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!
 vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!