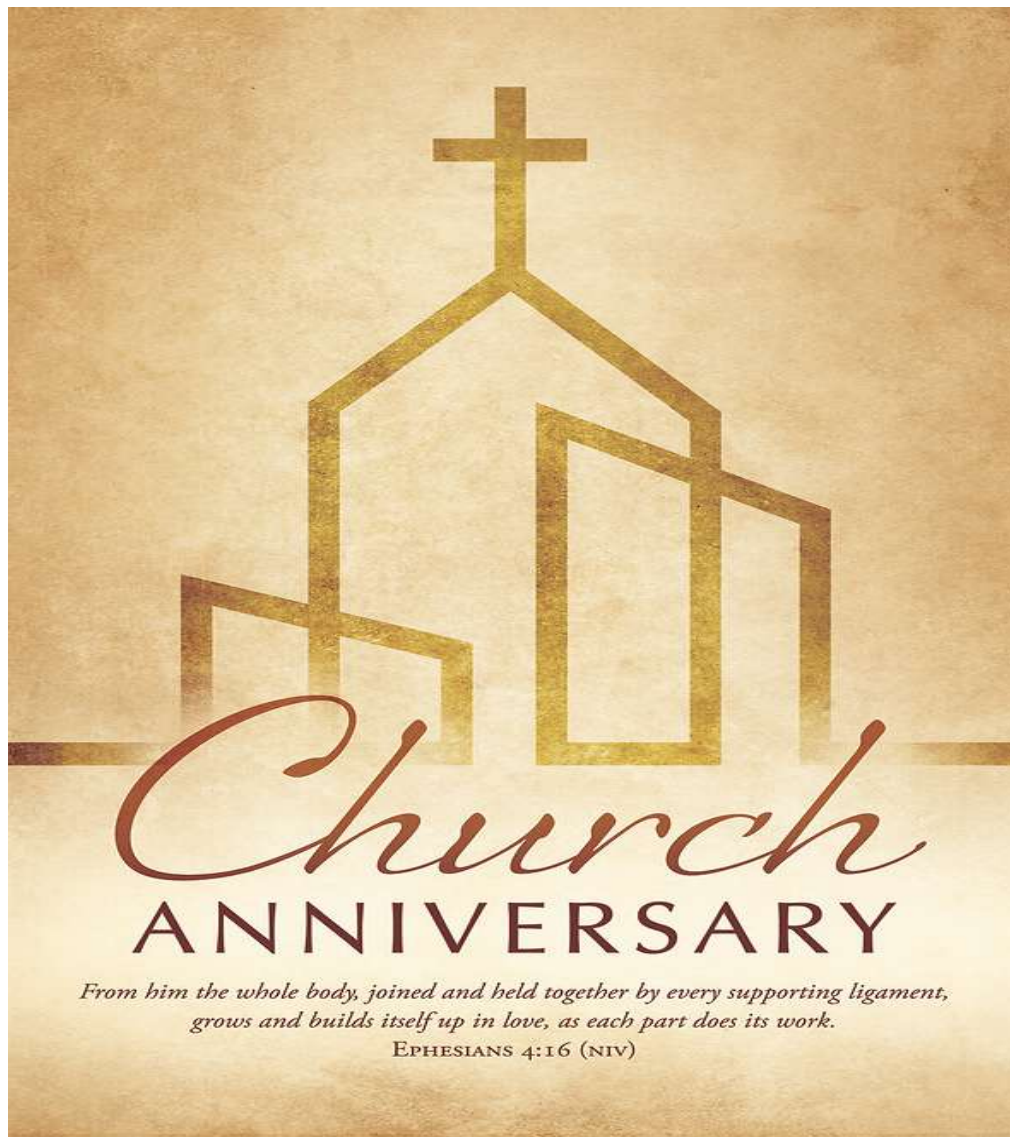


St. Davids-Queenston United Church

May 3, 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Anniversary Sunday: 240th Queenston & 238th St. Davids



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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 1 "Let Us Build a House"

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.*

CHORUS: *All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. **CH***

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. **CH***

*Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger. **CH***

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. **CH***

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) The candles were lit when the people gathered in Warner's meeting house and the sanctuary in Queenston. **As we light this candle, may our stirring heart still feel the love and grace for St. Davids-Queenston United Church.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends, sisters, and brothers, welcome! Today is no ordinary day. We gather here on a path that began 240 years ago.

We come to celebrate a journey of faith that spans generations!

For 240 years, this community has been a sanctuary of hope. Through seasons of harvest and seasons of hardship, God has been our dwelling place.

From the first prayer whispered here to the songs we sing today, God's faithfulness has never failed.

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, the dreamers, the builders, and the faithful servants who paved the way.

Today, we add our voices to theirs. We lift our hearts in gratitude for all that has been, and all that is yet to come!

Let us worship the God of our past, our present, and our eternal future. **Let us worship the Lord with joy!**

GATHERING PRAYER

Gracious and Eternal God, we stand before You today with hearts full of gratitude. **For 240 years, You have been our dwelling place, watching over this community through every season of change.**

We thank You for the legacy of faith left by those who walked these aisles before us, and for the "unyielding love" that continues to hold us together today.

As we celebrate our history, we ask that You renew our spirit. Help us to be a lighthouse of hope, reaching out to the weary and sharing Your grace with a world in need. May this 240th year be a new beginning; a time to deepen our roots in Your Word and widen our hearts in Your love. Bless our worship and our fellowship, and lead us into the future You have prepared for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, 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.**

SACRED HYMN: "Faith To Carry ON"

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: Matthew 5:13-16

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

*Today we welcome Rev. Brenna Baker,
(Community of Faith Stewardship Support, The United Church of Canada)*

SERMON: "Shedding Some Light"

HYMN # VU 579 "The Church Is Wherever God's People"

*The church is wherever God's people are praising,
Singing God's goodness for joy on this day.
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus
remember his story and walk in his way.*

*The church is wherever God's people are helping,
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.
The church is wherever God's people are sharing
the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.*

FAITH FORWARD (A Vision for Tomorrow)

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:

Gracious God, We offer these gifts with grateful hearts, thanking You for 240 years of faithfulness. Lord, use these offerings to "shed light" in our world and to plant seeds of hope for the generations yet to come.

As we give, we look "Faith Forward," trusting You to build a bridge from our historic past to a bright future. May these resources, and our lives, be used to practice Your unyielding love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN # VU 686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on your people pour your power;
Now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail your ways,
Fears and doubts too long have bound us,
Free our hearts to work and praise,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places, gird our lives
that they may be armoured with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.*

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee.

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go forth with eyes wide open, for the Risen Christ walks beside you on every road. You are the light that has burned bright here for 240 years; now, go and "shed that light" in the world.

Practice a love that never gives up and a hope that refuses to stay in the tomb. Look "Faith Forward," knowing that the God of our past is already standing in your future. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

We will tell the
next generation
the praiseworthy
deeds of the Lord,
His power, and the
wonders He has done.
- Psalm 78:4

*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 **Rev. Brenna Baker** for her inspirational message, to **Betty Cant** for being our greeter, to **Melanie Kelch** for being our worship leader, to **Lisa Brillon & the choir** for their musical contribution, to **Christina Travers** for leading our Sunday School, to the **Kitchen Helpers** for preparing coffee and goodies for our fellowship hour and to **Allen Zhang, Bill Utting, Steve Hardaker & Leo Xu** for livestreaming our Worship Service.

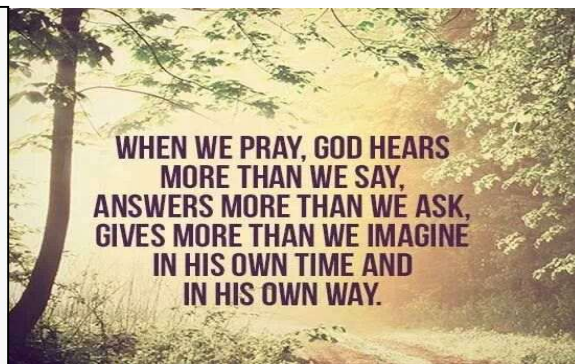


I want to say a huge thank you to all my church family for all your beautiful cards, phone calls, gifts, flowers, delicious meals, and for your visits, during my recent hip replacement. No words can express how grateful I am for your amazing support, love and prayers during this somewhat difficult and challenging time.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all so much! Sue Foss

Prayers: Barb Allman, Sue Foss, Jill Dill, Bill Utting, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Jim Griffiths, Ivy Evans, Roy & Jennie Harwood, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan

Continuing prayers: Darren Deesin, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Anthony Logan Siconolfi and Jennifer Fulton.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymn Books are available free, on the table in front of the kitchen.

Confirmation and Baptism Service, May 10, 2026: We will gather to witness and celebrate the sacrament of baptism and the affirmation of faith through confirmation. All are welcome to attend and support those taking this important step in their faith journey.

Asian Heritage Month: The celebration of May as Asian Heritage Month begins this week. Officially recognized in Canada since 2002, this is a time to prayerfully reflect on the contributions of Asian Canadians to Canadian society. We will listen to their life and faith stories in the service.

UCW Annual Luncheon, May 14 @ 1PM: Everyone is welcome to dine with us at "The Shore" (2793 Beacon Blvd., Jordan Station). Let Judy Kerr know by the May 11, if you plan to attend and if you wish to carpool. (*Individual bills*)

Sunday School Help: We are short for help in June (our last class of the season is on June 21). Please consider taking a Sunday to go with our children and teach them the Word of God. Please contact Sue Foss or Rev. YongSeok Baek.

Project Share wishes to thank us for our generosity of 162 pounds of food. So many factors are increasing the need for this basic need.