

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

September 13, 2026, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time Week 1, Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday



***Bold** portions are to be said by all. An asterisk * invites those able, to stand.
Hymns are sung by all unless otherwise noted.*

GATHERING AND MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #VU 217 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Bright burning sun with golden beam, soft shining moon with silver gleam,
Sing praises, sing praises, Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*O rushing winds and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
Sing praises, hallelujah! O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice: Sing praises, sing praises,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!*

*Earth, ever fertile, day by day brings forth rich blessings on our way;
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow, let them God's glory also show,
sing praises, hallelujah!*

*And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part:
Sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and yield up all your care:
Sing praises, hallelujah!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness:
Sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one:
Sing praises, hallelujah!*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

(The candle is lit) We light this candle recalling the wisdom of God.

God gives us wisdom in plants and animals as well as in taught knowledge and experienced knowledge. God invites us to question, to ponder, to learn, to test, to be full of wisdom.

We welcome the wisdom of God revealed in all of Creation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joining with light and shade, we will praise our God.

The blue of the sky, the glow of the beckoning dawn, sing God's praises.

With flowing water and pounding seas, we will praise our God.

The mighty ocean, the trickling stream, proclaim their Creator's marvellous power.

With hills and valleys, we will praise our God.

With the dazzling heights, the lowest valleys,

with soaring eagle and busy ant, we will praise our God.

Each bird, each animal, each tiny insect, and each person of humankind makes clear God's creative presence, and so we praise our God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator, fill our very being with your word and Spirit today as we worship you. Open us to experience your totality through Creation, so our spirits will be lifted up by all that surrounds us. On this seventh day, may we find rest and refreshment in our celebration of your presence and in the wonder of Creation. 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: "Headed for the Promised Land"

Melanie Kelch, Marianne McRae & Judith Bennoch

LEARN TOGETHER: VU 365 “Jesus Loves Me”, v1 (Youth and Children’s time)

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Micah 6:6-8 & Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON: “What’s in Your Backpack?!”

*HYMN # VU 651 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side:
songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

OFFERTORY HYMN: # VU #542 “We Give You But Thine Own”

*We give you but your own, Whate’er the gift may be,
All that we have is yours alone, We give it gratefully.*

OFFERING PRAYER:

Loving God, through the life you give us and the bounty therein, we encounter the amazing web of interconnection and of interdependence in your good Creation. Bless us and our giving as we give back some of that bounty. May we find purpose in all our relationships. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # VU 639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"

*One more step along the world I go. One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.*

*Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn. All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.*

*As I travel through the bad and good keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go, you'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough. Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.*

*You are older than the world can be. You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new, keep me traveling along with you.
And it's from the old I travel to the new. Keep me traveling along with you.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Strength and hope and love flow freely through the web of life.

You are part of this flow, a strand in the web of life. Through the web of Creation, new life comes into you and all the world.

And so we give thanks and praise to our Creator God, and we go out to mend and tend as part of the web of life. **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

Creation Time: Today we begin Creation Time, a time to listen more deeply to the earth and to the Creator who loves it. Over the next 5 weeks, to Oct 11, we will reflect on our place within God's good creation and what it means to care for it with hope and action.

Toonie Sunday is today. There is a collection box in the narthex and on the table outside the kitchen. All money collected goes to support local mission outreach projects.



Welcome Back Luncheon is Today, after the service. Please join us and share in fellowship!



Thank You to Elma Gardner for being our greeter,
to Larry McRae for being our worship leader,
to Sharree Eidt, Marianne McRae, Judith Bennoch, Melanie Kelch 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, Clair Boyda, Jill Dill, Dianne Bergsma, George Dunn, Bob Kerr, Ivy Evans, Ginny Slingerland, Elizabeth Whan & sister Ruth Nelson and Willy Harrison.

Continuing Prayers for Matt Jones, Tina, Nick & Jordan Perrella, Darren Deesin, Sandra Dotter, Marcia Tyrell, Paula Fisher, Marion Smith & family and Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Construction on York Rd. from Tanbark Rd. to Concession 3 Rd. (in front of our church building) will be occurring for the month of September, weather permitting. Access may be restricted to one lane.



Volunteer leaders are required for the Sunday School.

It will be one Sunday/month and there's a curriculum to follow. This is an excellent opportunity to share in the joy and curiosity of our younger folks. Please contact Rev. YongSeok or Sue Foss.



The Senior Choir has begun their weekly choir practices, Thursdays @ 7pm in the sanctuary. We would love for you to join us! If you are interested, please contact Lisa Brillon at brillonmusicstudio@gmail.com.



3rd Annual Collation for the Homeless: Thanks to you, this congregation has been very generous in the last 2 years towards those less unfortunate. Please consider donating any of the following items to this year's drive;

toothpaste, body wash, crayons, markers, puzzles, books, hair ties, deodorant, hand warmers, gloves, toques, brushes/combs, female hygiene items and of course, cash - I am prepared to do any shopping for needed items.



Thanksgiving Food Drive: Please help fill the Project Share barrel in the front entry. Cash donations are also accepted online at Projectshare.ca Unfortunately the need is higher than ever.



Pie Sales resume on Friday, September 25. Tell your friends and be sure to order early.



September 18 @ 6pm: Youth Group starts. Providing a safe space to gather, this is a free evening, open to all youth 12 -17 (members and non-members). They meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month for movies, games, sports, crafts and occasional outings.



Christmas Bazaar Help Required: Calling all knitters, crocheters, sewers and cooks; Please help us by creating gift items, such as mittens, slippers, hats, small blankets, sauces, jams, pickles, canned fruits & veggies and candies. Donations of new or not-used items are also appreciated (belts, scarves, jewellery, etc.).



Online Wine Purchases until September 28; Vineland Estates will contribute 20% of purchases to emergency food & support programs.





In Harmony with God's Creation

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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.