

Welcome to St. Davids-Queenston United Church

September 20, 2026, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time Week 2
World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel



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 679 "Let There Be Light"

*Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.*

*Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord opening into grace.*

*Perish the sword, perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger, perish the fight for gain.*

*Hallow our love, hallow the deaths of martyrs,
Hallow their holy freedom, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come, your spirit turn to language,
Your people speak together, your spirit never fade.*

*Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (The candle is lit)

We light this candle for World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

May its light scatter the dark shadows of violence, fear, and oppression.

We pray for the holy lands where sacred history and modern suffering meet.

May justice flow like a river, and peace fall like morning dew.

We hold this flame as a sign of unyielding hope.

In the light of Christ, we pledge to be workers for peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the deep places of pain and lament,

we gather to seek God's face.

Out of a world broken by violence and war,

we come longing for true peace.

God, who spoke creation into being and called it good,

rekindle in us the promise of your shalom.

Let us worship the Creator of life and reconciliation.

GATHERING PRAYER

Creator God, whose breath gave life to the dust of the earth and whose word established the order of the cosmos, we draw near to you today with heavy yet expectant hearts.

Look upon your creation, groaning under the weight of conflict, weaponized hatred, and broken trust. Forgive us when we treat life, your holy creation, with disregard. As we worship in this Season of Creation, align our desires with your divine design. Reframe our heartbeats to echo your love, and empower us to witness to your peace in Palestine, Israel, and across all your earth. In the name of Christ, our Prince of Peace, 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: "Grace Alone" the Choir

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: Genesis 1:26–31 & Colossians 1:15–20

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

SERMON: "'Unmaking the Garden: War, Shalom, and the Heart of Creation"

HYMN # MV 173 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

*Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.*

*Put peace into each other's hands, with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.*

*Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.*

*Give thanks for strong yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fail short, let hands speak out, the heights of love, expressing.*

*Reach out in friendship, stay with faith in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands, the Peace that sought and found you.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

OFFERTORY HYMN: # VU 542 "We Give You but Your 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:

Gracious Creator, receive these gifts as seeds of your Kin'dom.

Multiply them to feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, and rebuild what human hands have torn down. May our resources become instruments of your healing hand.

We lift up the people of Palestine and Israel, children living in fear, families mourning loss, and communities torn by endless strife.

We confess that war is a direct violation of your sacred creation order. Where you spoke life, war brings death. Where you established order, war unleashed chaos. Forgive us, Lord, and make us instruments of your peace.

Grant wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and resilience to those working on the frontlines of justice and humanitarian relief.

Break down the walls of division and open pathways to lasting shalom.

Reconcile humanity to one another and to the earth, that all people may dwell together in safety, freedom, and mutual respect. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN # VU 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

Make me a channel of your peace:

*Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

Make me a channel of your peace:

*where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace:

*it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

COMMISSIONING AND VESPER

Go out into the world as stewards of God's good creation.

We go to resist violence and to build the ways of peace.

Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is destruction, sow life.

We choose the way of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

May the God of Creation shield you, may the Christ of Peace walk alongside you, and may the Holy Spirit breathe through you today and always.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

*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 remain in the sanctuary after the service
for a brief important announcement.**

Creation Time: Creation Time is a time to listen more deeply to the earth and to the Creator who loves it. Over the next 4 weeks to Thanksgiving, we will reflect on our place within God's good creation and what it means to care for it with hope and action.



**Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the CE hall following
the Worship service this morning**

Thank You

to **Betty Cant** for being our greeter,
to **Marianne McRae** for being our worship leader,
to **Lisa Brilon & 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, Judith Hudon and Lenore Cardif-Hinchliffe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orange Shirt Day Service: Next Sunday we will observe Orange Shirt Day and you are invited to wear an orange shirt as a visible sign of support. We'll honour Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools, remember the survivors, and commit ourselves to the ongoing work of Truth and Reconciliation.



Pie Sales resume on Friday, September 25. Tell your friends and be sure to order early. See Mary to get on the list.



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.



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. Sue Cote will do any shopping for needed items.



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.



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.



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, or so we were told! When it does occur, access may be restricted to one lane. More information on the bulletin Board.





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.