

## Stouffville United Church

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### Remembrance Day Service

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship:

This is a day of remembrance. This is a day of tears. This is a day for our country. This is a day for our Armed Forces.

**This is a day to remember and cry, for our country and *all* countries, for our people and *all* people, for our soldiers and *all* soldiers. This is a day for us to recommit ourselves to justice, to recommit ourselves to peace.**

This is a day, as is every day, that we must never forget.

**In our remembering and in our living, let us worship God.**

(Written by Richard Bott, Dunbar Ryerson Pastoral Charge, Vancouver B.C.,  
Gathering Pentecost 2 2018, page 47. Used with permission.)

**Opening Hymn:** God! As with Silent Hearts [VU 527]

#### Remembrance – A Candle-Lighting Litany

Loving God, on this day in which we remember the war's hope to end all wars, we offer our confession for the ways in which we have not honoured the promise of armistice and peace.

**We acknowledge that we, as individuals and as a country, have supported the furtherance of wars and rumours of wars with what we have done and said, and with what we have left undone and unsaid. We pray for forgiveness and for the strength to speak for peace and for all aspects of our way of living that support peace. May we always remember those who have died as we seek to be peacemakers, so that their deaths may be honoured with the building of a truly peaceable kingdom. Amen.**

And so, let us remember all that has happened in times of war to ensure that we begin to understand why war can never be the answer – no matter the question.

*Light the first candle.*

We light this candle to remember all those men and women who died in the service of our nation in times of war, on peacekeeping missions, and in conflicts in other countries. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
**we will remember them.**

*Light the second candle.*

We light this candle to remember victims of war on all sides, especially the most vulnerable: women, children, those who are sick and disabled, or elderly and those who are already rejected by their society. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

**we will remember them.**

*Light the third candle.*

We light this candle to remember the service animals who died in support of the troops: the horses, the dogs, the carrier pigeons. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

**we will remember them.**

*Light the fourth candle.*

We light this candle for the families of all service people. We give thanks for the support and care they offered, and continue to offer when their loved ones return home. We remember especially those who suffer from the traumatic effects of their service. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

**we will remember them.**

*Light the fifth candle.*

We light this candle for our earth and all of creation, recognizing that it, too, is a casualty of war. We acknowledge the ecological destruction of the earth, the sea, and the air, and pray that our Creator might help us to restore the ongoing devastation of our natural world.

**Loving God, make us co-creators with you.**

*Light the sixth candle.*

We light this candle for the hundreds of thousands of refugees displaced by war who must seek new homelands, a safe and peaceful place to live, and a fresh start.

**Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.**

*Light the seventh candle.*

We light this candle as a candle of love to remind us that God commands us to forgive one another and to be reconciled to one another.

**Loving God, make us instruments of your peace.**

*Light the eighth candle.*

We light this candle because we believe Jesus is the light of the world. His light shines in the worst of times and nothing ever puts it out.

**Loving God, let the light of Christ shine in and through our lives.**

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**Hymn:** Make me a Channel of Your Peace

[VU 684]

**Time with our Children**

**Music Ministry**

**A Reading:** In Flanders Fields

*Lieut-Col. John McCrae*

**The Act of Remembrance**

**The Last Post**

**Silence**

**The Lament**

**Reveille**

**The Act of Remembrance**

**Prayer**

**Hymn:** Come and Fill our Hearts

[MV 16]

**Offering**

**Dedication:** Praise God from Whom all Blessings

[VU 541]

**Offering Prayer:**

**A Reading from Micah 4:1-5**

[Pew Bible, p. 755]

**Remembrance Day Video**

**Reflection:**

**Hymn:** Hope of Abraham and Sarah

[VU 148]

**Words of Blessing**

**Sending Song:** Send Me, Lord

[VU 9572]

*Following our worship service,  
please join us refreshments and conversation  
in the Davis Room.*