

Stouffville United Church

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Remembrance Day

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle and the Candle of Remembrance:

We light the Christ Candle.

The Christ candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.

We light the Candle of Remembrance.

The Candle of Remembrance reminds us of the supreme sacrifice of those who have defended our freedom and our peace forever and for all.

(Written by James Traquair, Dundas Street Centre United Church, London, Ont., Gathering, Pentecost 2 2017, page 47. Used with permission.)

Call to Worship:

There was a dream.

**Wolves and sheep together,
nations at peace,
weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.**

There was a dream.

**The vulnerable supported,
poverty and injustice broken,
the aching made whole.**

And this dream of God became flesh

**on the tongues of the prophets,
in the dreams of the people,
in the body of Christ.**

And this dream of God becomes flesh
**in you and in me
as we follow in God's holy way
and live the love of Jesus.**

(Written by Micol I. Cottrell, St. Paul's United Church, Temiskaming Shores, Ont.,
Gathering Pentecost 2 2013, page 34. Used with permission.)

Opening Prayer:

**On this Remembrance Sunday we honour our veterans;
the lives lost and lives altered by the mark of war.**

**On this Remembrance Sunday
we remember places around the world
trapped at this time in a cycle of war and violence.**

On this day we pray for your will, O God, to be done.

May your peace be known.

**May your safety and harmony be among all people
and all nations, on earth as it is in heaven.**

On this Remembrance Sunday we pray. Amen.

(Written by Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Port Perry United Church and Prince Albert United
Church, Port Perry, Ont., Gathering S/A 2008, page 49. Used with permission.)

Remembrance Day Video: "Faces of Freedom", to the
music, "Soldier", by Shania Twain.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVis2HFYnKg>

Prayer of Confession

**God of peace, we have not always remembered
the sacrifice of those who went before us.**

We have not always honoured them.

When they said, "Never again," we did not listen.

**We did not answer your call, O God,
to pursue peace in this world.**

Forgive us.

Words of Assurance

God is always with us.

In every corner of the earth,

in every town and village torn apart by war,

in every home where our loved ones are remembered,

God is present, God is active,

God is working to heal and restore and bring about God's own reign of peace.

Thanks be to God for this everlasting grace and love. Amen.

(Written by Alison Etter, Baddeck Pastoral Charge, Baddeck, N.S., Gathering, Pentecost 2 2015, page 47. Used with permission.)

A Reading: In Flanders Fields *Lieut-Col. John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
that mark our place; and in the sky
the larks, still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
loved, and were loved, and now we lie
in Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe
to you from failing hands we throw
the torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow
in Flanders fields.

The Act of Remembrance

The Last Post

Silence

Reveille

The Act of Remembrance

Prayer

Music for Meditation

A time of silence

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A Reading from Micah 4:1-5

Reflection: "A Time for Peace"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer:

**O God of many names,
we pray for peace
within ourselves,
in our relationships,
in our communities,
in our world.**

**May we be empowered to do the work of peace
wherever we may find ourselves
so that you may work through us.**

**Where there is terror or fear,
may we help create calmness.**

**Where there is the silence of repression,
may we help to give voice.**

**Where there is only violence,
may we help to show other ways.**

**For we know that peace is generosity,
peace is compassion,
peace is justice,
and peace is extended to all.**

**O God, hear our prayer
and help us be the answer. Amen.**

(Written by Ali Anningson, University of New Brunswick Chaplain, Fredericton, N.B.,
Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, Page 48. Used with permission.)

Blessing

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on
line. We look forward to joining with you again next week!*