

**Sunday November 10, 2024
Remembrance Sunday**

We Gather In God's Presence

Prelude: "Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" Music: John Rutter Lyrics: St. Frances of Assisi
Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation

Lighting the Christ Candle

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship

They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
at the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.

Hymn VU 527 "God! As with Silent Hearts" Words: Fred Kaan, 1989. Music: James Langran, 1862.

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God! As with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
"lest we forget" the future of this earth.

So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

This is supposed to be a day of remembrance, O God, but how can we remember that which most of us have not experienced; we can only imagine. We can only imagine the drone of the turboprop engines of hundreds of aircraft in the sky above our heads. We can only imagine the quaking of the earth under our feet due to the power of blanket bombing. We can only imagine the ear-shattering thunder of flak, whether we be on the ground firing up, or in the aircraft flying through. We can only imagine the searing pain of a bullet or a piece of shrapnel penetrating our flesh, or the burning of mustard gas filled lungs. We can only imagine the blinding flashes of shell fire at night. We can only imagine the sour-sweetness of

our own blood as it trickles across our lips, or the metallic smell of the blood of many spilled across the landscape. We can only imagine the suffocating stench of smoke and rotting corpses. We cannot remember the horrors of war when we were not there, we can only imagine.

Yes, we remember the men and women who fought and try to imagine the horrors that they went through, but we gather today to do more than simply remember them. We seek not only to remember them, but to honour their memory. To truly honour their memory, we need to remember their hope that there must be a better way to resolve disputes between people than resorting to violence. To truly honour their memory, we need to remember their dream of a world in which there is justice and freedom and peace for all. To truly honour their memory, we need to work to make this world such a place as they dreamed of; such a place as you yourself, O God, yearn for, where nation shall not rise against nation nor learn war anymore. And so, we pray for courage and wisdom, imagination and perseverance to make such a dream a reality, and to honour their memory. May it be so. Amen.

Ministry of Music: "In Flanders Fields" Music: John Gilpin. Words: Lieutenant-Colonel John McRae, 1872-1918

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn VU 659 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Words: William Whiting, 1860.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861. Words and Music in the Public Domain.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave for wild confusion peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travellers guard in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Psalm 127

The hand of God feeds us and answers all our needs

Unless God builds the house,
its builders have laboured in vain.

Unless God watches over the city,
those who keep watch stay awake in vain.

In vain you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for those whom God loves are given sleep.

The hand of God feeds us and answers all our needs

Truly children are a gift from God,
and offspring a reward from God's hand.
**Like arrows in a warrior's hand,
so indeed are the children of one's youth.**

Happy are those who have their quiver full of them;
**they will not be put to shame
when they meet their adversaries at the gate.**

The hand of God feeds us and answers all our needs

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Offering

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The other readings for this week are: **Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Hebrews 9:24-28**

Meditation: "Sacrifice"

Hymn VU 615 "When Quiet Peace Is Shattered" Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn, 1991. Music: John D. Hormon, 1991.
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When quiet peace is shattered by dreadful noise of war,
and we are bruised and battered by fighting's constant roar;
Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.

When troubles still our love song, and fear beats hard within,
when anger drowns the dove's song and life's a noisy din,
Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.

When clashing wills divide us, and hearts refuse to mend,
when feelings scream inside us, and agonies won't end,
Lord, break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard.
O let your healing voice be heard.

We Respond To God's Grace

Invitation to Invest in God's Mission

There is far too much warfare, terrorism and violence in the world. And it isn't the warmongers who suffer most, but the civilian bystanders, caught in the crosshairs while attending a music festival in Israel, sheltering in a school in Gaza, or sleeping in their bed in their apartment in Kyiv or Kursk. As followers of Christ, we are called to pray and care for those who are refugees, internally displaced people, or people who are just trying to live in peace in their own home for one more day. We cannot be everywhere, yet we can pray and offer financial support for those most in need. Our tithes and offerings will be received.

Offertory Hymn VU 218 "We Praise You, O God" Words: Julia Cory, 1902. Music: Netherlands melody, 1626.
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We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayer of Dedication

O God, accept these offerings and use them to bring about justice in a world filled with injustices, use them to bring about peace in a world roiling in strife and turmoil. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and all your children, and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will.

Gracious God, we pray for your church. May we heed your radical call to peace, that we may be a role model for this world of madness and warmongering. We pray especially for Central United Church in St. Thomas, and their spiritual leaders the Rev. Paul Browning and the Rev. Scott Beckett.

We pray for the peoples and leaders of the nations, that they may be reconciled one to another in pursuit of your justice and peace. Especially this week we think of the people of the Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

We pray for all who suffer from violence, and for all who have died a violent death, on every side of every dispute, around the world, and throughout time. Especially we remember those who have given their lives in service of a world of justice and peace, including:

Honour Roll

The Last Post

MINUTE OF SILENCE

Rouse

We pray for all who are ill or dying, especially we pray for Anita, Curt, Krista, Erin, their loved ones, and caregivers.

And we pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones, especially we think of the friends and family of: Donna Harrison, Roy Irwin, Marjorie Kivell, and Gord Lewis

Compassionate God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever. This we pray in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace, who taught us to pray, saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 687 “When Will People Cease Their Fighting” Words: Constance Cherry, 1983.

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When will people cease their fighting? When will armies wage no war,
nations conquer not their neighbour, weapons idle, used no more?

When will guns and bombs be silent? When will captives be set free?

All creation groans in longing for the world’s true liberty.

Floods and earthquakes, drought and famine plague the world with awesome ill,
but far greater is war's horror caused by human, stubborn will.

Blest are those who, working, praying, purpose in their hearts to be
instruments of peace, committed to the nations' harmony.

As we strive for peace with vigour, hoping to be shown the way,
we are strengthened in the knowledge of a future, perfect day;
for we know that deeper, richer peace is ours when Christ shall reign;
then will all our swords be plowshares and God's children free from pain.

Commissioning

Go into the world and make God's love known,
God's justice more than just a dream,
and God's peace a reality,
**and may the love of God,
the peace of Christ,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with us all.**

May it be so.

Amen

Response: VU 961 "Let us, O God, Depart in Peace" George Whelpton. In the Public Domain

Let us, O God, depart in peace, who in your name are gathered here.

Disclose the brightness of your face, and be forever near.

Postlude: "A Flower Remembered" Words and Music: John Rutter.

Crumlin

World War I – 1914-1918

Private Ernie Ashman	Private Clarence Guest
Private Robert Ashman	Private David Hendry
Private Everett Bedggood	Private Stewart Kersey
Private John Billington	Private Harry Preston
Private Robert Crosby	Private William Smith
Private Freeman Duffin	Private Harry Weir
Private Grant Duffin	Private Wiliam Williamson
Private Earnest Fitzgerald	Private George Woods
Sapper Richard E. Fox	Sapper John Woods
Private LaMont Gee	Private Randall Woods

World War II – 1939-1946

Angus Armour	J. Kenneth Duffin
Frank Benny	W. Kenneth G. Duffin
George Benny	Ewart W. Jolliffe
Jack Benny	Fred A. Leitch
Jack W. Byers	C. Murray Logan
Jack Crombie	John S. McMartin
Jesse W. Dawkins	George J. Phelps
Ronald J. Dawkins	Hubert W. P. Thomson
Donald F. Duffin	Marian P. Thomson

Dorchester Presbyterian Church

Matilda Hendry	J.D. Sutherland
Catherine Torrance	Kenneth Sutherland
Elizabeth Wallace	Norman Sweet
David Gooden	George Torrance
David Hendry	James Wallace
A.D. Johnston	Samuel Wallace
Gordon Sutherland	Ralph Woods

Dorchester United Church

Grant Bowlby	Russel Kilburne
Harold Boyes, M. D.	Ted Lake
Cliff Broadhurst	Norm Lake
Roy Broadhurst	Neil McDonald
Victor Couch	Charles Miles
Everett Crockett	Ben Mulholland
John Crockett	Jack Percy
Fred Droukett	Lyle Reading
Douglas Ferrar	Betty Robinson
Leo Gent	Morgan Robinson
Bruce Hunt	Jack Rogers
Ted Hunt	Will Spragg
Jack Hunt	Jack Wallis
Andy Johnson	Wes Williams
Bill Johnson	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fishbowl: Cross-Generational Discussion. ARWRC is holding an online discussion between youth (teens to twenty-somethings) and elders (45+) to better understand one another and their context within the church. To learn more, go to <https://arwrcucc.ca/youth-and-elders-fishbowl-discussion/>

LECTIONARY READINGS:

November 17 – Twenty-sixth after Pentecost – Proper 28

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (responsive); Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8