

# A Season of Gratitude and Abundance

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

### A Service of Remembrance

#### Welcoming and Acknowledgement

Centring Music: Blowin' in the Wind

*Bob Dylan*

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: O Day of Peace (Voices United 682)

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- 1 O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
  
- 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

#### 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 sometimes do not answer your call O God, to pursue peace in this world. Forgive us as we pray. Amen.**

#### Words of Assurance

#### A Time to Wonder

### The Remembrance

National Anthem: O Canada! (Voices United 524)

*Words: Robert Stanley Weir 1908*

*Music: melody Calixa Lavallée ca. 1880; harm. William Smith Dingman ca. 1930*

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O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### Lowering of the Flag

#### The Last Post

#### Two Minutes of Silence

#### The Rouse

#### Raising of the Flag

## “For The Fallen”

*written by Laurence Binyon*

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

**We will remember them.**

## Laying the Memorial Wreath

Poem: “In Flanders Fields”

*Written by John McCrae*

### **An Act of Remembrance**

Remember the people, men and women who have died in active service.

**We also remember their friends and family members who still feel deep grief.**

Remember the men and women who still suffer the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wounds of war.

**We also remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.**

Remember the naval, army and air force personnel who face mortal danger while striving for peace.

**We also remember civilians, bombed, shelled and driven from their homes and refugees living in camps without hope of a new life.**

Peace-loving God, while we commit ourselves to remembering, **include us when it comes to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of war’s past and present.**

**We remember and we act, because the love of Jesus continues to inspire us and show us the way.**

*(Children depart for Spirit Kids Program)*

## Anthem

Come, Peace of God

*Eugene Butler*

## Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1-18

Reflection: “Bonfire – The Chestnut Gentleman”

Poem: “The Silence of This Great Day”

*circa 1919, anonymous*

Hymn of the Day: **Blowin’ In the Wind**

*Bob Dylan*

How many roads must a man walk down  
Before you call him a man?  
How many seas must a white dove sail  
Before she sleeps in the sand?  
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly  
Before they're forever banned?

*Refrain*      The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years must a mountain exist  
Before it is washed to the sea?  
And how many years can some people exist  
Before they're allowed to be free?  
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head  
And pretend that he just doesn't see?

*Refrain*      The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up  
Before he can see the sky?  
And how many ears must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til we know  
That too many people have died?

*Refrain*      The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

## Invitation to Offering

### Choral Response    **Now Thank We All Our God** (Voices United 236, v. 1)

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Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

## Offering Prayer

Holy One, you have given us faith;

**we return our faithfulness.**

You have given us life;

**we return our energy and vitality.**

You have given us hope;

**we return our joy and thanksgiving.**

You have given of your all;

**we return but a small part for the sustenance of your church and for your work in the world.**

Bless our giving and the work these gifts will do. Amen.

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

## The Lord's Prayer

## Parting Hymn:    **For the Healing of the Nations** (Voices United 678)

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Songs for a Gospel People*

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- 1     For the healing of the nations,  
      God, we pray with one accord;  
      for a just and equal sharing  
      of the things that earth affords.  
      To a life of love in action  
      help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2     Lead us forward into freedom,  
      from despair your world release;  
      that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
      all may come and go in peace.  
      Show us how through care and goodness  
      fear will die and hope increase.
- 3     All that kills abundant living,  
      let it from the earth be banned:  
      pride of status, race or schooling,  
      dogmas that obscure your plan.  
      In our common quest for justice  
      may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4     You, Creator-God, have written  
      your great name on humankind;  
      for our growing in your likeness  
      bring the life of Christ to mind;  
      that, by our response and service,  
      earth its destiny may find.

Benediction

Postlude: Hymn to Freedom

*Oscar Peterson*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parsons  
Music Leader – Glenn Parsons  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Scripture Reading – Kate Insley  
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Blyth Hughes  
Lowering of the Flag – Peter Gray  
For the Fallen – Lorne Holland  
Laying the Memorial Wreath – TBD  
In Flanders Fields – Melanie, Raven and Wren Styles  
The Silence of This Day – Stephen Godfrey  
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat  
Technical Support – Karen Clark and Bill Walker  
Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine  
Flowers are offered by Christine Smith  
in celebration of the lives of her brothers, Ian and Keir Fisher.