

Welcome
to Aurora United Church
...uniting hearts and hands on the journey.



Remembrance Sunday

November 7, 2021

All we are saying is give peace a chance.
(John Lennon.)

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE A Wish for Peace (*D.Gagnon/M.Cassils*)

Performed by participants in the Artie and Denise Online Odyssey 2020,
produced by Scott Milne and Matthew Peavoy.

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Acknowledgment of Territory/Candle of Remembrance-Every Child Matters

As we come into worship today, we acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional lands of the people of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation... and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.



CALL TO WORSHIP Alison & Seth Backer

Who are we, gathered in worship?

**We are followers of Christ,
the Prince of Shalom.**

And what is shalom?

**Peace with justice, a peace that is right,
God's peace.**

Why have we gathered?

**To remind ourselves that there is
an important part of shalom—
in our relationships,
in our communities,
in our world.**

Then, come, let us gather.

Let us worship the Holy One and let us
prepare ourselves to carry God's peace
into God's world.

Let us worship!

HYMN O God beyond All Praising (*M.Perry/G.T.Holst*) VU 256

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

Loving God, on this Remembrance Sunday, we acknowledge the double-edged nature of our remembering. We confess the ultimate evil of war and our part and society's part in the violence of our world. And yet, with very real gratitude, we remember those who sacrificed health and life for freedom from this evil. Stir us, O God, to hear your word in this time of remembrance. Strengthen us to work at the unfinished task of proclaiming your peace in the midst of our violent world. God in community, Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Jesus calls us in love to be peace-makers in the world.
Thanks be to God!

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

HONOUR ROLL

World War I

James Amos
Kenneth Exely
Walter Harris
Fred Luxton
Wilfred Peterman
Charles Smith
Fred Wilkenson

Ernest Davis
Gilbert Gray
Elwood Lloyd
David Miller
Ernest Rose
Stuart Stiles

World War II

Doug McKenzie
Robert Turp

Bruce Stiles

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

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.

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.**

The Last Post...Two Minutes Silence...Reveille...Lament

Mitch Arnold, bagpipes

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine down upon them.
May their souls, through your mercy, rest in peace.

O CANADA (Electra Women's Choir—Vancouver, B.C.—YouTube)

**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.**

THEME STORY A Poppy Is to Remember (*by Heather Patterson*)

GIFT OF MUSIC A Pittance of Time (*T.Kelly*) Steve Falk/David Pilkey

VIDEO PRESENTATION In Flanders Fields (*J.Macrae*) Charles Truax

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44 (The widow offers two small copper coins.) NRSV

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then 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. ⁴⁴For 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.”

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON A Better World

HYMN Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (*attr. to St. Francis/S.T. Temple*) VU 684

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:
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:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, every 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.
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.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

A Statement about the gifts we bring in worship for the life of the church....

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection (*J.Boyce-Tillman/J.Barnard*) VU586

We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our story boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

COMMISSIONING

Let us go now, trusting in God's never-ending care.

Let us go seeking to be God's people.

Let us go enfolded in praise and prayer.

**Let us go to be people of peace, justice,
and right relationships. Amen.**

SUNG BLESSING

Go Now in Peace (*D.Besig/N.Price*)

(York Region Community Choir—Dec. 4, 2012/Trinity Anglican Church)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God 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 surrounding us with love.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
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