St. Mark's United Church, Cannifton, Ontario
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Remembrance Day Service
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APPROACHING GOD

Prelude

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMMUNITY NEWS

LEARNING MOMENT – WEEK 5

CANDLE LIGHTING

Ever-living God, their memory is a blessing forever. Though the links of life are broken, the links of love and longing cannot break. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our faith, acting as bearers of your light in our families, workplaces, and communities today. O Lord our God, sustain us through our days, wipe away every tear from our eyes, and bring us at last to praise you together with all the saints in light. Amen.

Act of Remembrance

Playing of the last post.
Two minutes of silence
Reveille
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Hymn: VU 526 "Weep for the Dead" verses 1 and 5

1 Weep for the dead. Let tears and silence tell
of blood and battle, horror and renown.
The years diminish, but do not dispel
the pain of lives destroyed, and life laid down.

5 Weep for the dead, from all the ills of earth.
Stand by the cross that bids all hatred cease.
March to the drums of dignity and worth.
Salute the King of Love, the Prince of Peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God listen:
the Lord has done marvelous things.
Teach your children all that God has done.
So that they may live in hope and die in peace.

Hymn: MV 176 "Three Things I Promise"

1 Three things I promise, Holy God,
in age and youth, in life and death:
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

2 Your love unfolded time and space,
and life and all that life became,
and so, with thankful heart and voice,
through good and ill, I bless your Name.

3 I follow, serve, and cling to Christ
amid our culture's tides and trends,
for here your Name is most revealed:
Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

4 Enlivened as the Spirit moves
to cleanse, awaken, and renew,
I pray that justice, peace, and truth,
may seed and grow in all I do.

5 If I should live when vigour fades,
And family and friends are gone,
Three acts of loving faith remain
When days are slow, and work is done.

6 Revive and guide me, Living God,
as day by day, until my death,
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,
and listen for the Spirit's breath.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the world free. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good, in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN VU # 958 "Halle, Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! (Hallelujah!)
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat)

THEME TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN MV 106 "I am the Dream"

1 I am the dream and you the dreamer.
I am the song and you are the rhyme.
You are the tune sung in every silence.
You are the now in the endless stream of time.

2 I am the bell and you the silence.
You are the yearning I cannot curtail.
I am the blest and you the blessing.
You are the wilds in which I lose my trail.

3 You are the word and I the echo.
You are the leader and I am the led.
You are the joy and I the laughter.
You are the Rock on which I lay my head.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises that we might hear your truth and enjoy you forever; in Jesus name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

First Scripture:

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 "*Making a covenant to serve God"*

Read by: Donna Gowthorpe

Responsive Reading

Psalm 78 VU#792 part 1

<u>Refrain:</u> We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

Part One (1 - 7)

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past,
What we have heard and known,
what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,
but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,
that the next generation might know them,
children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,
that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments. R

Led by: Donna Gowthorpe

Second Reading:
Matthew 25: 1-13 ***"The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"***
Read by: Rev. Darren Liepold

SERMON
Be Prepared

HYMN VU 343 "I Love to Tell the Story"

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: **I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,**
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word. **R**

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
‘twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **R**

RELECTION TIME

Natalie

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Hymn VU #544 “In Gratitude and Humble Trust”

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life’s way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,

teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

Hymn VU 682 "O Day of Peace"

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 and 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.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

HYMN MV #214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"

1 May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,

and hold you in her love

2 May God's sheltering wings,
his gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
his cradling arms sustain you,
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Postlude

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