



**The United Church of Canada  
Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge  
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**Remembrance Sunday**

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**Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land**

We welcome all God's people – whatever you believe or do not believe, whatever you have done or left undone, whoever you are and whomever you love. Because we are the church of Jesus Christ and Jesus taught us to "Love God and Love One Another" without exception.

As we worship God, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of

(Kilbride: the Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),

(Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation),

who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

It is far better to light a candle, than curse the darkness. (William L. Watkins, *The Supreme Conquest*, 1907)

**The Light of Christ is in our midst.**

**Gathering Song:** MV 149 – Peace for the Children

*Words & Music: Doreen Lankshear-Smith 1993*

Rev. Doreen Lankshear-Smith is a United Church of Canada minister located in Thunder Bay. Her 1993 hymn is sung by Music United (an association of UCC musicians) members in an arrangement by Jason Locke.

[Peace for the Children - a national virtual choir anthem](#)

Peace for the children, peace, peace.  
Peace for the children we pray.

Following the path of One of peace,  
we work for healing, we work for peace;  
peace for the children today.

Peace for all people, peace, peace.  
Peace for all people we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace,  
we work for healing, we work for peace;  
peace for all people today.

### **Call to Worship:**

The Sunday just before November 11 is Remembrance Sunday. It is a day when we remember with one another those from our community of faith who have experienced the savage realities of war. Some of them went to fight in battlefields far from home. Those are the ones we normally focus on this day, but they are not the only ones affected by the wars of the past and of the present. War leaves no one unchanged. And so we will pray for peace.

Today we also celebrate new life on the joyous occasion of baptism. All of us hope for a lasting peace for the children we bear. We pray not only for peace, but for meaning and purpose, for a life lived to its fullest filled with love and joy.

Let us join our hearts in this service of worship.

### **Opening Prayer:**

In a world lost in unrest and mistrust,  
In a climate of fear and frustration,

**We pray for peace, O God.**

In a world in which wars and violence are still too prevalent,

**We pray for peace, O God.**

When this world makes us want to draw into ourselves,

**may your deep peace, O God, help us to keep our spirits open to opportunities to share your compassion and care.**

In this world as it is,

**may we be a beacon of hope and peace. Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 684 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Attributed to the Italian Catholic friar and preacher St. Francis of Assisi, these famous words were later adapted for this 1967 hymn by composer Sebastian Temple, who worked for the BBC on news broadcasts relating to South Africa, where he grew up. The Sunday 7pm Choir at St. Francis De Sales Church in Ajax sings this hymn in a choral arrangement by Mark Hayes.

[Make Me A Channel of Your Peace \(Updated Choir Version with Lyrics\) | Catholic Prayer of St. Francis](#)

- 1 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.

- 2 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, ever joy.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

**Service of Baptism** (Carlisle)  
**Dawson Matthew Bilton**

**Introduction & Promises:**

*(Congregation will please stand)* I ask the congregation of Carlisle United Church, do you receive this child in Christ's name as we have been received? And do you, the members of this Congregation, promise, in whatever ways you are able, to support him with constant love, wholesome example, Christian teaching, and faithful prayer in whatever ways present themselves to you? Are you willing to accept so great a responsibility?

**Congregation: We are willing, God being our helper.**

**A New Creed:**

**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 444 – Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Accompanied by Dr. Marc Dickey on organ, Megan O'Toole from First Congregational Church of Long Beach, California, sings the first three verses of this baptismal hymn. The lyrics were written in 1981 by Rev. Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a professor of theology and ethics. The STUTTGART tune has been attributed to Christian F. Witt, the editor of *Psalmody Sacra*, the 1715 hymnal in which the tune was first published.

Hymn #325, vv. 1-3 Child Of Blessing Child of Promise by Ronald Cole-Turner  
(LYRICS)

- 1 Child of blessing, child of promise,  
baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you  
unto love and grace divine.
- 2 Child of love, our love's expression,  
love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
into joy and laughter lead.
- 3 Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you;  
live as one who bears Christ's name.
- 4 Child of God your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trusting in God's love and care.

**Prayer for Grace**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Sung Response:** MV 149 – Peace for the Children

[Peace for the Children - a national virtual choir anthem](#)

Peace in the soul, peace, peace.  
Peace in the soul we pray.  
Following the path of one of peace,  
we work for healing, we work for peace;  
peace in the soul today.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Readings from Our Christian Tradition**

#### **Hebrew Scripture:** Micah 8:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

#### **Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-11 *The Beatitudes*

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## **Reflection**

#### **Hymn:** VU 687 – When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

*Words: Constance Cherry 1983; Music: Franz Joseph Haydn 1797*

Rev. Dr. Constance Cherry (b. 1953) has worked with choral groups and instrumental ensembles as a minister of music, has served as a pastor ordained in the United Methodist Church, and is Professor of Worship and Pastoral Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University. She set her 1983 lyrics to a well-known tune by Classical giant Franz Joseph Haydn, a tune that is also used for the German national anthem. This music was originally composed in celebration of the birthday of Francis II, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and later of Austria.

[Austrian Hymn Haydn](#)

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

**Offertory:** MV 191 – What Can I Do?

Musicians of Golden Ears United perform Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy's offertory in an arrangement by Alan Whitmore.

[MV 191 What Can I do](#)

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

**Offering Prayer:**

We come together in your name, Gracious God. Bring us to the place of silence, where we can notice your still small voice and learn to be peaceful people, modelling authentic peace in the world.

May these gifts we offer support the work of all who seek to be peace and blessing in this congregation, this community, and beyond. Amen.

**Service of Remembrance**

## **Stories of Remembrance or Introductory Words**

### **Reading of the Roll**

Last Post - 2 minutes of silence – Reveille

### **Act of Remembrance:**

They shall grow not 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. (Laurence Binyon, from "For the Fallen")  
**We will remember them.**

### **Laying of the Wreath**

### **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (VU p. 914)

### **Benediction**

**Sung Sending Forth:** MV 149 – Peace for the Children  
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### **Online Postlude:** I Will Be a Child of Peace

Choral composer Elaine Hagenberg offers this description of her piece: "I Will Be a Child of Peace is an arrangement of the Shaker hymn tune, O Holy Father, which has been attributed to Alonzo Gilman of the Shaker Community in Alfred, Maine in 1851. Shaker music was traditionally sung in unison and without accompaniment, with men on the left and women on the right. This arrangement echoes those voices of the past, with each stanza starting with unison – first by the women, followed by the men, then unfolding into full five-part harmony. I was originally drawn to this song by the

beautiful simplicity of the Shaker melody, unique 5/4 meter, and most importantly, the uplifting text of a prayer for peace and purity."

"I Will Be a Child of Peace" SATB arr. by Elaine Hagenberg

**Liturgy Credits:**

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- Opening Prayer written by Beth W. Johnston, p. 47
- Offering Prayer written by Bill Steadman, p. 48

**In Flanders Fields**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That marks 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 our 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.

– John McCrae, 1915