



WE WILL REMEMBER

11TH NOVEMBER

November 2, 2025

Gathering Music

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Welcome

Announcements



Announcements / Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday
We Love You
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out your candles,
One remains aglow
Its the love-light in your eyes
Where e'er you go
(Repeat)



Sunday School Teachers for this month are

November 2 - Teacher Linda M.

November 9 - Teacher Greg

November 16 - Teacher Cathy

November 23 – Noreen K.



Light the Christ Candle



Today we light this Christ candle realising that many do not live in peace. As this flame catches on and burns more brightly, we pray that peace may grow and transform our world. Amen.

Prelude



The Church's One Foundation

Call to Worship

In times of war, in times of peace — the Creator is present.

On the battlefield, at the peace table — the Christ is present.

With the wounded and the dying, and with those who wait — the Spirit is present.

And what is God doing ?

Grieving over the injustice. Grieving over the brokenness. Grieving over the loss.

And ?

And calling us back to repentance, to renewal, to life abundant, to peace.

So today, in our remembrance, in our songs, in our prayers...

Let us worship the One who is with All, no matter what. Let us worship God as we remember. **Amen.**



"lest we forget"

*"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 shall remember them"*



Hymn VU # 222 *"Come, Let Us Sing"*

- 1 **Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

- 2 **O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**



**3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your
way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

**4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall
sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**



Prayer of Confession and Assurance

We meet the abundance of your Creation with exploitation and deprivation. We meet the peace that passes all understanding with war and violence. We meet the love that knows no borders with exclusion and hate. We meet your boundless Grace with judgment and revenge.

Governing God, in the presence of your Peace, in the confidence of your Love, we confess our failings and wrongs, turning from that which harms ourselves, our neighbours, and you.

Loving God, meet us in our brokenness, and journey with us on the path to healing and hope. **Amen.**



**A Time
of
Remembrance**



Our National Anthem VU # 524 *O Canada*

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.

“A Fallen Soldier Pte. Malcolm D. Moffatt , Mrs. Sylvia Myles’ father, in 1944 during the World War II”.

Gary, his son wrote this poem remembering his father

In a great silver jet over the ocean we flew
To visit a grave of a man we barely knew
They say somewhere in Belgium is where
that soldier fell
But I was too young and can't remember so well
We traveled by bus and we traveled by train
On the day that we left it had started to rain
When we got to the graveyard the sun finally broke
through
Now finding the right grave was our task to do



Pte. Moffatt's Resting Place

The grounds were pristine looked after by the Dutch
And for that Canada thanks them so much
On his grave we left a Canadian flag and an artificial flower
We took several photos and for all of our efforts it took but an hour
When life is not kind you must pick up the pieces
So we moved on, my Sister and I, and my two Nieces
We went off to see sights and dine on fine, fine food
And to lift our spirits to a happier mood
Into a great church we went a true symbol of life

Here I lit two candles one for
my Father one for my wife
The Girls went off shopping to
buy what they might
But I found a quaint Bistro to
have a cold pint
We did many things some we
will never forget
The time and the effort we will
not regret
On the long flight home we
thought mostly of the fun
And to my Niece who arranged
it we say a job well done.....



**Pte. Moffatt's
Temporary
graveside**



**Last Post
Minute of Silence
Rouse**

The Act of Remembrance

by Debbie and Lya

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

And we remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.

Lya: O God, we offer to you, our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil.

We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful response to the Prince of Peace.

Debbie: We pray for those are prepared to be firm to protect those in danger.

Lya: We pray for those who walk with others who need strength.

Debbie: We pray for those who protest, those who organise letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others.

Lya: We pray for those who speak the unpopular truth; who protect the unpopular victims; who choose the unpopular path of peace.

Debbie: We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder the requirements of justice, and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace.

Lya: Peace-loving God,

While we commit ourselves to remembering, count us in when it comes to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of wars past and present. We remember, and we act, because the Jesus Spirit inspires us. Amen.

(Adapted from "On This Day of Remembrance," by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker and by *David Sparks, Summerland, B.C.*)



The Children's Story

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Laying of Poppies

by the Children and others



(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

The Scriptures

read by Rev. Yun-Hee

First Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 5, 13 – 17

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us - whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter - asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things ?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Second Reading

John 15:9-14

[Jesus said] as the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.



Choir Anthem

“In Flanders’ Fields”



Reflection

*by The Poppy Chairperson,
Elayne McSkimming*



Hymn VU # 333 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of Heaven to Earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.



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2

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples
leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Remembrance Day
Lest We forget



3

Finish, then, thy new Creation; pure and spotless let
us be; let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee, changed from glory into
glory,
'til in Heaven we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.



Prayers of the People

We remember not only those who fought but also those who waited at home, those who were wounded, and those who suffered in the aftermath of war.

O God, inspire the minds of all leaders with care for the needs of their people and guide our steps in the way of peace,

O Ever-Trustworthy God, in all these acts of remembering, we also remember tomorrow's challenge for peace and justice. Thus, we pray this day that in some particular way, you will make each of us an embodiment of your peace,

**where there is hatred, help us to sow love,
where there is injury, pardon,
where there is doubt, faith,
where there is despair, hope,
where there are shadows, light,
and where there is sadness, joy.
Thus, in these ways, may we, in our time, be
counted a faithful people.**

**O merciful God, receive our prayer. And in your
mercy answer.**

Amen and amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering HYMN VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, we have come together in your name.
We long for wars and anger to cease. In the
example of Jesus Christ, who shows us the way, we
offer these gifts that they may support the work of
all who seek to be peace and blessing in this
congregation, this community, and beyond. Amen.**



1

How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word !
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled ?

2

'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed !
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall
lie,
my Grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all Hell should endeavour to
shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake !'

**REMEMBRANCE
DAY**

dreamstime.
LEST WE FORGET





Blessing

Receive the breath of
reconciling peace given to the
Church.

**Peace within, peace in our
midst. Peace given for the
well-being of the world.**

Receive the Peace of Christ and
carry it out into the world.

Amen.



Commissioning *“Go Now in Peace”*

***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 within, around,
above.***

***Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.***



**We thank God for being with us
And thank you Congregation for
worshipping today in person
and by Zoom and for your
participation in the Service !**

**Special thank you
to Lya and Debbie,
and our guest speaker, Elayne !**

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