The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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November 8, 2026 Remembrance Sunday

Land Acknowledgement:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Today we light the Christ candle as a sign that Christ's light is present among us.

In a world that has known the darkness of war, grief, and fear,

we remember that the light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overcome it.

May the light of Christ guide our remembering,

comfort those who mourn, and lead us in the ways of peace.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 78:3-4, 6

"The things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us,
We will not hide them from their descendants;
We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
And the wonders he has done. We will not hide them from their descendants;
So the next generation would know them,

Even the children yet to be born

And they will in turn tell their children.

Then they will put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep their commandments.

On Remembrance Day, we give thanks to God for those who have made sacrifices in pursuit of justice.
Soldiers, pilots, sailors, marines.

We honour the sacrifices made in pursuit of peace.
Nurses, ambulance drivers, doctors, chaplains.

We affirm the sacrifices made in pursuit of freedom.
Parents, spouses, partners, children.

We lament that these sacrifices were necessary.
We renew our calling to strive for peace and justice, freedom and truth.

We celebrate life reclaimed from war.
We proclaim life abundant, in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship together and remember together,
knowing that, in God's heart, their sacrifice is never forgotten. Amen

(Gill Le Fevre, *Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.)*

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: (VU) 679 Let There Be Light

Kid's Time: Let your light shine

Act of Remembrance:

Prayer of Confession:

Words of Assurance:

Hymn: (MV) 169 *(Tune VU 625)* ***When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides***

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Message:

Hymn: (VU) 266 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Minute for Mission: *(A stable start) Wesley Youth Housing*

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Offering: Take My Gifts

Take the fruit that I have gathered

from the tree your Spirit sowed,

harvest of your own compassion,

juice that makes the wine of God;

spiced with humor, laced with laughter--

flavor of the Jesus life,

tang of risk and new adventure,

taste and zest beyond belief.

Amen

Prayers of Our Hearts and the Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: (TLUS) 129 ***We Shall Overcome***

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand some day!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We'll walk hand in hand some day!

We shall all be free, we shall all be free,
We shall all be free some day!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall all be free some day!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace some day!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall live in peace some day!

Commissioning and Benediction:

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guide you, and may the light of the Holy Spirit shine through you, today and always in Jesus name. Amen

Sung Blessing: (MV) 213 ***Take up His Song***

Take up His Song of peace and go into the World
Take up his song of peace every Moment
In every moment of the journey we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down, in peace, lay them down and take up his song.