



**Kincardine United Church
Remembrance Sunday Service
November 5, 2017 10:30 a.m.**

Welcome. You bless us with your presence. If you are a first time worshipper, please sign our guest register at the front entrance of the church. Thank you for turning off your cell phones and for refraining from flash photography. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the downstairs hall following the service.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE I Call to Thee

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Amazing Grace

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

A quietness hovers over our world this morning,
for this is a time of remembrance and of honouring.

A sadness creeps into our hearts,

for today we feel for those who served and those who died.

A hope is beginning to shine like a candle in the night,

for the gift of love received from the sacrifice of too many families.

Let us pray together:

O God, at this annual time of remembrance,

our thoughts turn to the violence, the fear and the pain of war.

Come gently into our worship this morning

that we may know your peace:

a peace which passes all human endeavours and hopes,

a peace given through the Prince of Peace. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF THE RED CANDLE**

Let us pray together:

It is right that we take time to remember,

and to give thanks for the sacrifice of so many.

It is not the minutes or the hours we take to call their deeds to mind

which justifies their loss of all their tomorrows.

It is what we do with our todays which speaks loudest.

May we be worthy of the call to peace you extend, O God. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 2 only) "God! As with Silent Hearts"

LIGHTING THE YELLOW CANDLE

Let us pray together:

We pray for the young and the old, the perpetrators and the innocents,

who live in countries where there is war, where hate and anger and

where a lust for revenge has turned neighbour against neighbour,

yet where love is kept alive in the hearts of many,

and the will to find peaceful solutions

is part of the fabric of today's visionaries.

Please, O God, prod us to find those visions,

where reconciliation brings peace and wholeness. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 3 only, seated) "God! As with Silent Hearts"

LIGHTING THE WHITE CANDLE

Let us pray together:

It will not be today, O God, and this we acknowledge,

but we trust that some day, some day soon,

the swords of battle will become the tools of peace.

We pray that your prophets are right

when they tell of the lion lying down with the lamb.

Please, God, make your will and your purpose

burn in the hearts of all the peoples of the earth.

Let not the gentle, vulnerable souls of children be sacrificed again –

for any reason.

Let Jesus' day of hope begin with us. Amen.

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 4 only, seated) "God! As with Silent Hearts"

LIGHTING THE BLUE CANDLE

VOICES UNITED 527 (Verse 1 only, seated) "God! As with Silent Hearts"

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

...Gregg McClelland

***TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE**

***PIPER'S LAMENT** Flowers of the Forest

traditional

***ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Hear the vision of the prophets:

**"...and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nations shall not lift sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more."**

Trust God who longs for peace.

Trust Jesus who remembers us by saying,

"Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Trust the Spirit who moves us to love even our enemies.

We are forgiven, strengthened and empowered

to be peace bearers in our world.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING TIME "Bubba and 'Thy kingdom come'"

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sing together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

VOICES UNITED 734 Psalm 13 Responsive Reading

***VOICES UNITED** 595 We Are Pilgrims

BIBLE READING Matthew 23:1-12 from the paraphrase *The Message*

GLORIA

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

MEDITATION "Cracking Open Peace"

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

ANTHEM Servants of Almighty God

Patterson

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

...written by Emily Perry

MORE VOICES 149 (verse 1, Children)

Loving Parent,...

...that we might be strong enough for those who need us.

MORE VOICES 149 (verse 4, Families)

Gracious God,...

...and we reach out to ensure that they know they are welcome in ours.

MORE VOICES 149 (verse 5, Nations)

Sovereign God,...

...that we might all live in peace and harmony in your world.

MORE VOICES 149 (verse 7, Planet)

Creator God,...

...that we might learn to be good stewards once more.

MORE VOICES 149 (verse 10, Souls)

Creator God,...

...that we may face the future in the Peace of your loving heart.

Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY Highland Cathedral

***OFFERTORY HYMN 540 VU** Grant Us, God, the Grace
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 (in unison)**

We offer these gifts of bounty to fuel the ministry of your church.
We ask you, O God, to bless these offerings as pathways to peace,
helping to create an atmosphere where dialogue can occur
and moments which change us for harmony. Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 684** Make Me a Channel of your Peace

***BENEDICTION**

***SONG OF COMMITMENT 558 VU (v4)** We Gather Here to Bid Farewell

POSTLUDE Prelude in C

Bach



AV MINISTRY TEAM 📺 Thank you

COUNTERS 🗳️ Donna and Stu Mowry

NOVEMBER HOUSE LEADERS 🏠 John Thompson and Catharine Crawford

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