



Kincardine United Church

Remembrance Sunday

November 8, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**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** In Flanders Fields

*Gavin Sumerset*

*Played by The Kincardine Brass, Nancy Ross, Director*

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of First Nations Peoples – Peoples who have lived on this land and by these waters for thousands of years.

**We gather as a non-Indigenous community of faith on the traditional territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation, giving gratitude for their stewardship through the ages.**

We are newcomers to this land and we have gained so much in coming.

**Our gain, however, has come at a great cost to First Nations Peoples.**

We acknowledge that we have gained much within racist systems of our creation,  
systems which have benefitted those who are white, Christian and heterosexual.

**Our acknowledgement is only the beginning  
of our journey toward reconciliation,  
toward healing of all our relations  
with those we have belittled in this culture.**

Our words must now be followed up with action.

**We pray the Holy Spirit breathes forgiveness, hope and love  
into all our relations and sets us free from the evil of colonialism.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **GOD GATHERS US**

**MUSICAL INTROIT** Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving Johannes Brahms

### **LIGHTING 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,  
peace given through the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

#### **\*LIGHTING OF THE RED CANDLE** (*Red symbolizes sacrifice*)

Let us rise as we remember and 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** (*Yellow symbolizes longing and light*)

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** (*White symbolizes hope for transformation*)

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** (*Blue symbolizes sorrow in the remembering*)

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

**IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

*read by Gregg McClelland*

**\*TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE**

**\*PIPER'S LAMENT**

*Nathan Smith*

**\*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** The Unknown Soldier

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

God within us, God beyond us, God among us,  
 may the Mystery always be named and known  
 among all peoples and in all times.

May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.

Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.

Restore us to right relationship

with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.

Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.

Come to us when we choose death over life.

Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.

For in your love we find the only power,

the only home, the only honour we will ever need,  
 in this life and the life to come. Amen

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**VOICES UNITED 792** Psalm 78 (Part One only)

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 to 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.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 679** Let There Be Light

**BIBLE READING** 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:9-13 from the paraphrase *The Message*.

<sup>9-12</sup> You remember us in those days, friends, working our fingers to the bone, up half the night, moonlighting so you wouldn't have the burden of supporting us while we proclaimed God's Message to you. You saw with your own eyes how discreet and courteous we were among you, with keen sensitivity to you as fellow believers. And God knows we weren't freeloaders! You experienced it all firsthand. With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom, into this delightful life. <sup>13</sup> And now we look back on all this and thank God, an artesian well of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!

**DOXOLOGY** KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD (sing twice)

Know that God is good,  
 Know that God is good,  
 Know that God is good,  
 God is good, God is good.

**MEDITATION** It's Just Us for Justice

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**ANTHEM DURING COMMUNITY PRAYERS** Down to the River to Pray  
*-sung and recorded digitally by the Parkminster United Church Choir*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**WHY I GIVE** Gregg McClelland

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

We do this every Sunday, God, asking for your blessing for what we give.

Open us to lean more fully into your blessing –

a blessing not just for what we offer back to you –

but a blessing which permeates the entirety of our souls, our living.

Such a blessing is powerful, life changing, transformative.

As we are blessed,

may the Spirit's power motivate us to follow the Way of Jesus in all we do. Blessed in our following, may we transform the world. Amen.

**\*VOICES UNITED 691** Though Ancient Walls

**BENEDICTION**

**SONG OF COMMITMENT 424** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day,

filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all,

working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**POSTLUDE** Highland Cathedral

*Traditional*