



# Sunday Worship

**Westminster Church**

**The United Church of Canada**

*Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community*

**Sunday November 10, 2019**

**Sunday of Remembrance**

Words printed in **bold type** are to be spoken by the congregation.

*This service was written in collaboration with United Church of Canada military chaplains Captain (Rev.) Audrey Brown and Captain (Rev.) Tyler Powell.*

## Organ Prelude

## Welcome and News

**Introit** VU 315 Holy, Holy, Holy verse 1

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle

**To remind us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.**

## Call to Worship / Welcome and Introduction

It is Remembrance Day once again, and we will as a nation acknowledge the sacrifice of the people of the Armed Forces throughout history. However, as a community of faith today, we will be taking some time to reflect on the sacrifices of ordinary Canadians throughout the ages. Members of The United Church of Canada have served in every major conflict since the church's formation in 1925 and still do today. And so it is appropriate for us to affirm the lives of those who served as well as those lost in war and bring them to mind here with us as we worship in freedom and peace.

## Call to Worship

One: On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray

**All: for a world where no one will learn war anymore.**

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**All: we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart, home and nation.**

One: On this day of hope,

**All: we come before you, God,  
to remember all those who gave their lives so we could be free.**

### **Prayer of Approach**

One: Almighty God,

**All: Grant that we who gather here today may pay fitting tribute and honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country.**

One: May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives,

**All: we may live only to your glory and to the service of your people.  
May we who desire peace be willing to work for justice.**

One: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATH**

by Barbara Gillis

### **REMEMBRANCE**

#### **Words of Remembrance**

One: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

**All: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

**All: We will remember them.**

#### **Last Post**

#### **Minute of Silence**

#### **Rouse**



*Light candle, Silence*

**Anthem**

Love Divine

Arranged by Howard Goodall

**IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

read by Shannon

MacFarlane      *Written by Canadian poet John McCrae who died in 1918 of pneumonia while on active duty in France.*

***In Flanders Fields***

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark 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.*

**Prayer of Confession**

One:      Almighty God,

We thank you for bringing us together this Remembrance Sunday  
to recall with tenderness and respect  
those who lost their lives from this community

and the many thousands farther afield in the wars of the last century.

**All: We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and how we might participate in creating an enduring peace.**

One: Help us to meet with you in these moments of worship,  
Make us ever mindful of your goodness toward us,  
and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others.  
As we pray for peace, may it start with peace in our hearts.

**Light Candle *Moment of silence for personal reflection.***

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Words of Assurance**

One: Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or  
life,

**All: Hear our prayers for all this day, and help us to live in love and service. Amen.**

**The Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Susie Conrad

John 15:9-17

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Impact of War on One Manitoban Rev. Don McIntyre  
*Following the message, we will remain seated for a time of silence, followed by the tolling of the bells 11 times to mark the ending of the First World War 100 years ago this year.*

**Offertory Sentence** There are opportunities to give every day, certainly through gifts of dollars and cents, but also through courageous action, faithful service, and loving devotion. Let us share of ourselves and of what God has so graciously given.

### **Collection of Offerings and Offertory**

*After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played by the organist and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.*

**Offering Doxology** VU 236 Now Thank We All Our God Verse 3

**All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers. May they be used well to foster peace and joy in this world and in the lives of those who cross our paths.

**May real and lasting change start now, with us, through us, and with God's blessing**

### **The Prayers of the People**

## The Lord's Prayer (Unison, spoken)

Our Father/Mother, 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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU 296      This Is God's Wondrous World

## Commissioning and Sending Forth

One:      Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,

**All: we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,  
and for your continual presence in our lives.**

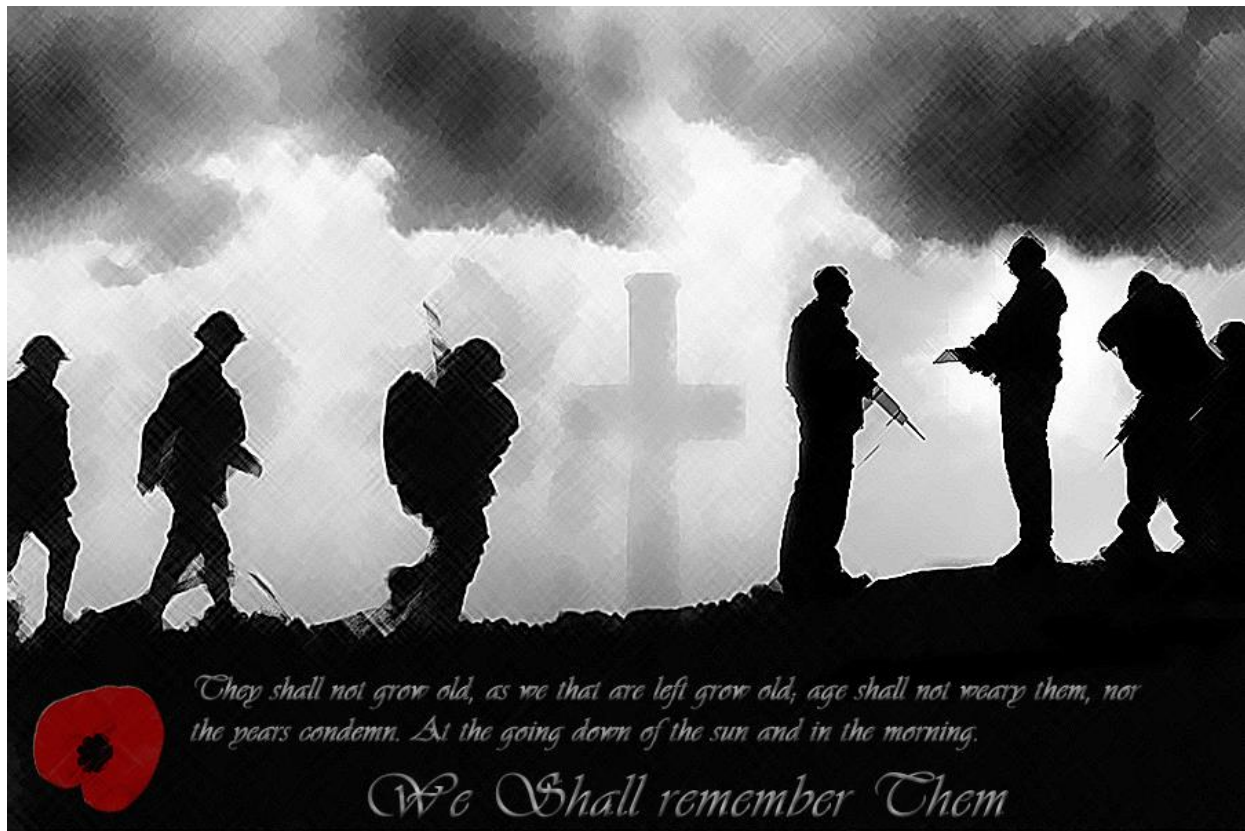
One:      Remind us that no matter where we go, you are there.

**All: No matter how bleak the world becomes, all it takes is one ray of  
light for a new day to be upon us once again. Amen.**

## Choral Response Three-Fold Amen



## Organ Postlude



**Lectionary Readings** (*Gathering, PENTECOST 2 2019, p. 25. Used with permission.*)

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**Isaiah 65:17–25**

God shall create joy and delight; the wolf and the lamb together.

**Isaiah 12** (VU p. 880)

Make God's deeds known to the nations.

**2 Thessalonians 3:6–13**

Do not be weary in doing what is right.

**Luke 21:5–19**

Persecution in the days to come; trust God!

**To Ponder**

Today, which do you see more of, God's shalom or destructive forces at work in the world?