

On our platform this morning...



Sunday Worship
Westminster Church
The United Church of Canada
Celebrating over 125 years of ministry in the community
Sunday Nov. 11, 2018
Sunday of Remembrance
and 100 years since the end of the First World War

The first Remembrance Day was conducted in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth. Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

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

Organ Prelude

Welcome and News

Centering Music

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

Through every generation, through times of hope and times of fear,

Through times of war and times of peace,

Through times of loss and times of joy,

You are with us, Holy God.

In the first moment of grief,

In the long empty nights,

In the chaos of war and terror, and in the search for answers,

You are with us, Holy God.

When we pause in the midst of our busy lives,

**When we remember those who suffered, those who died and those
who suffer still today,**

Light candle, Silence

We remember and give thanks for all who continue to serve today, who continue to put themselves in harm's way so that we may live in peace and freedom. And we remember those who have returned home from those places of war, conflict and violence – changed by their experiences forever.

Light candle, Silence

Gracious God, as we gather this morning with hearts filled with humility, gratitude and respect -

we commit ourselves once again to remember all that has been, and we long for signs of peace and hope in our world – a world where violence and turmoil and intolerance continues. Inspire us to live your peace with our lives every day – through each prayer in our hearts, every choice that we make, and each action we take. In the name of Jesus, who came to show us the way, Amen.

Hymn VU 678 For the Healing of the Nations

Prayer of Confession* (unison)

*(*by Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford, ON, who writes - My deepest hope is this prayer, and others I have written, might represent the fullness of our complex and complicated relationship with war, violence, justice, peace and sacrifice.)*

O God, we confess that we have been afraid. We have been indecisive when others' lives were threatened, too concerned about politics and precedent. At other times, we have been quick to jump in, assured of our own righteousness and the justness of

our cause. We have too often prayed to you to support our own prejudices and goals. Forgive us, and give us courage to seek peace with justice in your world, wherever that may lead us....

Moment of silence for personal reflection.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Words of Assurance

The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Scripture Reading: John Grivell

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn MV 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides (Kingsfold)

Reading *A Letter from her grandfather* read by Shannon MacFarlane

Message - A Video

Following the video, 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.

Solo Pie Jesu From Requiem by Gabriel Faure

given by Rebecca McIntosh

Collection of Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer by Paul Halley

Organ and Piano - Helen LaRue

Offering Doxology VU 541

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Compassionate and loving God, accept these gifts so that they may work in our world to soften hard hearts and open closed minds. We know your love is at work in this world. May compassion, grace and love bless and enliven the ministry these gifts support here in our own community and around the world. Amen

Anthem O God Our Help in Ages Past by John Rutter

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Sung, VU 959)

Hymn VU 682 O Day of Peace

Commissioning and Sending Forth

From the rising of the sun until its setting

God of Peace

God of Justice

God of Infinite Love

Remember your people.

From the bleakness of war to the lavish warmth of peace

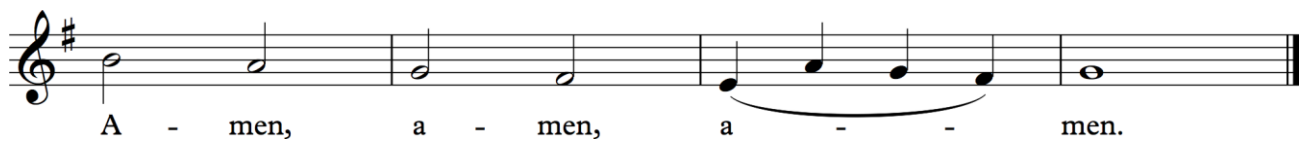
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Choral Response – Amen



Organ Postlude *If departing before the end of the postlude, please do so quietly for the benefit of those remaining to enjoy the music.*

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Lectionary readings November 18 – Twenty-sixth after Pentecost

Proper 28

1 Samuel 1:4–20

Samuel is born to Hannah and Eli.

1 Samuel 2:1–10 (VU p. 878)

The song of Hannah.

Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25

Provoke one another to love and good deeds.

Mark 13:1–8

Not one stone of the temple shall be left standing.

To Ponder

Where do you long for the new to emerge in your life? What is hard to let pass?