SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon (arr. C. Donkin) Shenandoa (arr. Jason Gray) Susan Guido, trumpet

WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/ Rainbow Candle of Inclusion Martha Bailkowski

INTROIT Weep for the Dead (B. Wren/C. Harris)

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day of remembering, we lift up our hearts in the spirit of life. We remember today those who have laid down their lives in war and in the pursuit of great peace. We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Remembrance. We celebrate the gifts of all, gifts of courage and community, of music and laughter, of justice-making and the healing of caring. We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Love made visible. We come together to find new ways, new connections, new understanding.

We lift up our hearts in the spirit of Possibility. Thanks be to God. (P.Mayberry, First U.C., Ottawa, On. adapted)

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PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

God of love, we pray for the power to be gentle, the strength to be forgiving, the patience to be understanding, and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right. May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the ability to dream and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole lives, our thoughts and energies, to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all people were created. God in community—Holy in One, we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.** (D.Reid, Eglington St.George.adapted)

WORDS OF GRACE

We are a people of faith, strengthened and empowered to be peacemakers in the world. Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Sing, Sing Out! (Hannah/Melhorne-Boe) Sing, sing out! Sing a new song. MV 180 Sing oh people as one voice! Sing, sing out! Sing a new song. Sing of God. Each heart rejoice! Repeat

READING In Flanders Fields (John McCrae) Peter Gilpin

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

HONOUR ROLL Tolling Bell Jovce Hagarty

	<u>World War 1</u>	
James Amos		Ernest Davis
Kenneth Exely		Gilbert Gray
Walter Harris		Elwood Lloyd
Fred Luxton		David Miller
Wilfred Peterman		Ernest Rose
Charles Smith	Stuart Stiles	Fred Wilkenson

World War II Bruce Stiles

The Last Post...Two Minutes Silence...Lament...The Rouse Susan Guido, trumpet/Colin Johnstone, bagpipes

*ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Doug McKenzie

Robert Turp

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine down upon them. May their souls, through your mercy, rest in peace.

***O CANADA** (VU 524)

O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love in all of us command. With glowing hearts, we see thee rise, the True North strong and free! From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land glorious and free! O Canada, we stand on guard for thee. O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

ANTHEM Song for Peace (A. MacGillvray arr.D.Loomer) Tracey Keffer-Lyon, Soprano

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GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44 p.49-50 Pew Bible NT (The widow offers two small copper coins.)

Come to the quiet...a time for reflection

SERMON Peace Offering

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY Prayer (Erwin Stroobach) EmBellished Handbell Ensemble with Joanne Banfil, piano

*DEDICATION Grateful (T. Tomaszek) MV 182 Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing

PRAYER PRELUDE There Is Room For All *MV 62* There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing; there is room for all, sheltered in God's love. And I rejoice and sing, 'my refuge and my rock in whom I trust.' There is room for all, there is room for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER VUp. 910

HYMN We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection *pg* 7-8

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*COMMISSIONING Let us go from this place with minds that never forget, with hearts that grow in hope, with lives that shine Christ's light. Let us go to serve, to reconcile, to bring peace and to stand united as children of the light. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Peacemaker, Peace-bringer, go with us all this day and every day.

*SUNG BLESSING Go Now in Peace (D.Besig/N.Price) Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there surrounding us with love. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. (Word change with permission of the composers.)

POSTLUDE Highland Cathedral (U.Roever/M.Korb) Colin Johnstone, bagpipes



See United Church minister, Rev. William Alfred Seaman story: https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/chaplain-among-those-lostnormandy-75-years-ago

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY November 10, 2024 11:00 am

All we are saying is give peace a chance. (John Lennon)

O God beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown, though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing. May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

We shall go out with hope of resurrection; we shall go out, from strength to strength go on; we shall go out and tell our stories boldly; tales of a love that will not let us go. We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted; we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed; we'll weave a cloth of all the world united within the vision of new life in Christ.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken; we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed; we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer, expressive love alive in every heart. We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping, raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief, we'll leap and dance the resurrection story, including all in circles of our love.

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae 1872-1918

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.

