

Remembrance Sunday

November 10, 2024

Prelude: Trumpet Tune
Trumpet Voluntary

Trumpeter, Neil Andrews

Henry Purcell
Jeremiah Clarke

Procession of Remembrance Wreath

Piper, Ellen Mole

*** Processional Hymn: O God, our help in ages past No. 330**

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy
blast,
and our eternal home.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.

2. Under the shadow of thy
throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

5. Time, like an ever rolling
stream,
bears all our years away.
They fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

3. Be fore the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles
last,
and our eternal home.

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship to remember.

We remember all those who came before us, and all those who gave their lives to defend a vision of a better, safer and more peace-filled world.

We come to worship to give thanks.

We are thankful for all the love and care in our lives, for the safety and the privilege of living in this place we call Canada.

We come to worship to renew our commitment to justice.

In gratitude to those who have come before us and gave their very lives, we commit ourselves as followers of Jesus to do justice on this land to those who were here before we arrived, those who seek refuge on this land from far away places of peril and need, and those who will come after us needing a land and earth better cared for toward a healthier future.

ALL: Let us worship God, together!

*** Hymn: Eternal Father, strong to save**

No. 325

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

2. Lord God, who speaks with voice so clear,
Speak now that we may know you're near;

Protect your faithful Army friends,
Who risk their lives for world peace.
And bless us as we join our hands,
With those in peril on the land!

3. Lord, guard and guide all those who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky.
Be with them always in the air,
In darkening storms or sunlight fair,
Oh, hear us when we lift our prayer,
For those in peril in the air!

4. O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer
**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.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Special Prayer of Gratitude for our Veterans

Special Music: In Flanders fields

Words by John McRae,
Music by Eleanor Daley

*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.*

Act of Remembrance:

*"They shall grow not old as we who 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."*

The Last Post

Silent Remembrance

The Lament

The Rouse

O Canada

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.

God save the King

God save our gracious King;
long live our noble King;
God save The King:
send his victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save The King

(Children are invited to join in programming following the Time of Remembrance)

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 6: 8-23

Michael Nettleton

Romans 5: 8-10, Romans 12: 19-20

INTRO: Our first scripture reading this morning comes from 2 Kings 6, verses 8-23. There was a time in Israel's history when their fiercest enemies were the Arameans to the north. They were constantly at war. Was there no hope for peace? The prophet Elisha, inspired by a vision of God, found a way. Listen to the story:

2 Kings 6. 8-23

8 Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, 'At such and such a place shall be my camp.' ⁹But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, 'Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.' ¹⁰The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

¹¹ The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, 'Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?' ¹²Then one of his officers said, 'No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.'

¹³He said, 'Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.' He was told, 'He is in Dothan.' ¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

¹⁵ When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' ¹⁶He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed: 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. ¹⁹Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O LORD, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The LORD opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. ²¹When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?' ²²He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.' ²³So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel. Amen.

INTRO: Our second readings come from Paul's letter to the Romans. What does it mean to fight an enemy with love? According to the apostle Paul, God in Christ has shown us how love must win the battle. First God towards us, and then us, so inspired, towards our enemies. The language of wrath and vengeance and burning coals must be subsumed by the greater language of reconciliation and love. Here's how Paul expresses it:

Romans 5. 8-10 followed by Romans 12. 19-20

⁸But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of God's own son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Amen.

We are listening, O God.

Speak to us.

Sermon: PURSUING PEACE IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT

Dr. Harris

(Silent Meditation)

Special Music: In remembrance

Words, Mary Elizabeth Frye

Music, Eleanor Daley

*Do not stand
at my grave, and weep.
I am not there,
I do not sleep—
I am the thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight, I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle, morning rain.
And when you awake in the morning's hush,
I am the sweet, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand
Do not stand at my grave, and cry—
I am not there,
I did not die.*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: For the healing of the nations**

No. 736

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.

To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow brief life's span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Benediction

***Threefold Amen**

Postlude: Military Polonaise

Pianist Paul Radkowski

Chopin

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

Coming Events

Sunday, November 10

Remembrance Sunday
Intergenerational Band
Rehearsal

Monday, November 11

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Wednesday, November 13

"Where Is God in the Face Of
Human Suffering & Injustice? The
Biblical Book of Job: A Study"
7:30pm

Friday, November 15

PA Day Camp

Sunday, November 17

Anniversary Sunday
Intergenerational Band
Rehearsal

Monday, November 18

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Sunday, November 24

Intergenerational Sunday with
special guest: Guy Smagge,
Executive Director of PWS&D
(Presbyterian World Service &
Development)

Monday, November 25

Dance fitness, 10:00am

Tuesday, November 26

Literary Society Discussion,
"Saints and Villains" by Denise
Giardina

Wednesday, November 27

Practicing Healing Prayer,
7:30pm via Zoom

Friday, November 29

Youth Group, 7pm-9pm

Saturday, November 30

Great Armour Heights Baking
Club: Christmas Cookie Baking,
1pm



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