

**HAGERSVILLE UNITED CHURCH &
SPRINGVALE UNITED CHURCH
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REGIONAL COUNCIL PRAYER CYCLE

Trinity Oakville

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

TO PONDER

What does it mean to remember someone? It means to bring them here with us...to remember them, so that time and space have no meaning.

Death itself is overcome. This is the purpose of remembrance in Canada: to affirm the lives lost in war and bring them here with us as we worship in freedom and peace. We should never take for granted the freedom we have to celebrate our diversity in Canada.

OFFERING PRAYER

We dedicate these gifts to you, Generous God,
even as we dedicate our lives to you.
Keep us true to our promise,
that we may witness to you
with all that we are and all that we do. Amen

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

INTRODUCTION

It is my privilege to welcome you to Springvale / Hagersville United Church and to this special service of Remembrance. It is Remembrance Sunday 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 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 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.

One: In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

All: And so, let echo the old prayers—make us channels of your peace.

One: In that spirit, let us join our hearts in song.

HYMN: #684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

- 1 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:

- 2 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.

- 3 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.

OPENING PRAYER

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. Amen

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE**SING - O CANADA**

O Canada! Our home and native land!
 True patriot love in all thy sons 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.

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.

LAST POST**MINUTE OF SILENCE****ROUSE****WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

They shall grow not 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.

Response All: We will remember them.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Let There Be Peace On Earth by Sy Miller & Jill Jacks

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
 an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their surging.^[e]
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
 God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
 he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
 the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields[d] with fire.
 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth."
 11 The LORD Almighty is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

REFLECTIVE VIDEO: Remembrance Day

GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17 ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

REFLECTION FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

CHORUS: #102 He Is Our Peace 2x

He is our peace Who has broken down every wall,
 He is our peace, He is our peace. He is our peace
 Who has broken down every wall, He is our peace, He is our peace.
 Cast all your cares on Him, For He cares for you,
 He is our peace, He is our peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, we come before you now with praise and thanksgiving, as well as sorrow and concern, in our hearts. With gratitude on this Remembrance Sunday, we call to mind the soldiers, sailors, air personnel, and RCMP who have paid the ultimate price that we might live in freedom. We remember those who died in distant wars and those more recent. By sacrificing their lives, they left us the responsibility and the duty to continue their work on the things that make for peace. From generation to generation, may their valour and selflessness never be forgotten.

We are especially mindful today of the effects of military life on the body, mind, and spirit. Give courage, comfort, and healing to all those who suffer wounds, both visible and invisible. Help us to remember that the effects of conflict reach far beyond the battlefield and can last a lifetime.

Lest we forget, the families and friends of our service members share in the burdens of military life. Bring comfort and strength to the relatives and friends of those who serve. When they are grieving the loss of their loved ones, may they know your compassionate and comforting presence. When they are separated from one another due to deployments or other operational requirements, may their bonds be strengthened. When their lives are uprooted because they are posted to a new location and everything is new all over again, may they be upheld by the constancy of your steadfast love. Accompany them in their daily joys and protect them in difficulties.

May our act of remembrance this day honour those who have put themselves in harm's way for the safety of others. May we never forget their sacrifice, the families who grieve for them and support them, and their example of integrity, loyalty, courage, and duty.

As people of faith, we re-commit ourselves to work together for peace in our world. May the hope that we carry in our hearts lead us to seek new and creative ways to resolve our differences. We look forward to that day when your reign is fully realized among us and swords are turned into plowshares and nation no longer lifts up sword against nation.

We also long for the moment when mourning, suffering, and sickness are no more. Until that day comes, we ask that you respond to us when we lift before you in the silence of our hearts the names of those people,

places, and situations that are in need of your tender loving care this day...(moment of silent prayer)...Restore them to health and wholeness, O God.

We ask all these things in the name of the One who came to show us your ways and who taught us to pray together, saying: [Lord’s Prayer]

CLOSING HYMN: Pg. 806 VU – O God Our Help In Ages Past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op’ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

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.**

GO NOW IN PEACE

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 He 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 watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Sunday, November 5th: Please join us for a showing of “The Chosen” at Hagersville at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This will be continuing each Sunday.

Friday, November 10th: Soup Lunch at Hagersville from 11:30am-1pm. Cost is \$10 per person and includes soup, bun & cookie. Soup kinds will be chicken noodle, hamburger, ham & cabbage and cauliflower. This will be a take-out only event. To order, please call 905-768-3729 by October 18th at noon.

Sunday, November 12th: Church Council meeting at Hagersville after worship with potluck lunch.

Monday, November 13th: Coffee time at Hagersville from 10am-12pm.

Tuesday, November 14th: Coffee time at Springvale starting at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Saturday, November 25th: Please join us at Hagersville United Church for High Tea from 12pm-2pm. Cost is \$20 per person, in advance if possible. Call or text 905-515-6908. E-transfer can be sent in advance to dalebvecero@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, November 29th: Springvale will be selling their Pre-Order Cookie Trays with pickup between 4-6pm. Large trays are \$40, medium trays are \$30 and small trays are \$20. Bowls of chili will be available to go for \$10. Available by pre-order, please call 905-537-4188 or 905-768-3910

**Please bring in your paper products for the
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Lest We Forget