

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020 LIVE WORSHIP
ST. PAUL'S United Church
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Gathering

Welcome/ Land Acknowledgement

Today I offer gratitude to United Church of Canada military chaplains Captain (Rev.) Audrey Brown and Captain (Rev.) Tyler Powell for this service of Remembrance.

Celebrations

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," VU 684

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

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
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 pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

Opening Prayer

Theme Conversation: Laura

A Time of Remembrance

Hymn: "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.

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.

Words of Remembrance

Last Post Andrew Jackson (trumpet)

Minute of Silence

Reveille Andrew Jackson (trumpet)

Lament Shirley Park (bagpipes)

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.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy,
rest in peace. Amen.

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Micah 4:1-5

In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.

² Many nations will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁴ Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

⁵ All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9–17

As Abba God has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept Abba God's commandments and abide in God's love. ¹¹ I have said these

things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[a] any longer, because the servant^[b] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from Abba God. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that Abba God will give you whatever you ask God in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Intro to Solo

Andrew is going to sing “Empty Chairs and empty Tables” from “Les Mis”. The character of Marius is the sole survivor of a brutal battle. Marius is pained by the loss of his friends and suffers from what’s best described as “survivor’s guilt”.

Solo: “Empty Chairs and Empty Tables” Andrew Jackson

Reflection: “Remembering”

Hymn: “For the Healing of the Nations,” **VU 678**

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.

Our Response

Gratitude for our Offering

Prayers of the People

Going Forth

Sending Hymn

“This Is God’s Wondrous World,” VU 296

1. This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world. God shines in all that's fair,
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.
3. This is God's wondrous world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong. God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, O let the heavens ring!
God reigns, let earth be glad.

Benediction

Shalom

Shalom to you my friend
Shalom until we meet again
The word “shalom” means peace, hello and good-bye
so sing shalom, shalom

Shalom to you my friend
Shalom until we meet again
The word "shalom" means peace, hello and good-bye
so sing shalom, shalom

When we join our hands across the land
we'll hear neighbours and brothers, old friends and other
singing shalom to you my friend,
shalom until we meet again.

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