

Remembrance Sunday

We are called to Daring Justice



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional Gathering Song: Gather In

Gather in create community
where we unite with our diversity.
Gather in we will live out the call
for acceptance and justice as we welcome all.

Welcome

Check In: Who are you Remembering today?

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, as we honour Remembrance Day, we also acknowledge that yesterday, November 8, was Indigenous Veterans Day. The day is set aside to remember the extraordinary service that Indigenous people have given to Canada. This year, as a recognition of those efforts, the National Defence Clothing and Dress Committee (NDCDC) has approved the wearing of Indigenous-crafted poppies on Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) uniforms during Remembrance Day observances. According to the Department of National Defence: "CAF members are encouraged to source Indigenous poppies from the Indigenous community or Indigenous vendors. The inclusion of Indigenous-crafted poppies is a meaningful evolution of a tradition that has long united Canadians in remembrance. It acknowledges the diverse cultural identities within the CAF and broadens the way we honour those who have served, in a respectful and inclusive way."

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
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¹Adapted from a service for Remembrance Sunday by Capt (Rev.) Nathan Wright— Chaplain, The Royal New Brunswick Regiment (Fredericton, NB)

Call to Worship¹

From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

We remember that we are not alone.

We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation. **We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."**

Therefore, filled with God's love, let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Lighting of Christ Candle

- **Prayer:** As we light this Christ Candle, may it be a reminder, that Christ is us and in our world.

- **Sung Response: May I Share**

May I share God's peace with you?

That His love may see us through

all the joys and trials of a life in his care.

May I share what I know to be true?

May I share God's peace with you

Peace of Christ

Act of Remembrance:

Responsive Prayer of Confession Reader: Don Donaldson

Almighty God, We confess before you the ways that humans hurt one another with words and actions. 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 and this one.

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.

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.

Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance**O Canada****2025 National Silver Cross Mother Mrs. Nancy Payne****In Flanders Fields Reader: Discovery Kids****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 to them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

Remembering the People**Reading the Names Reader: Murray Lockhart****Responsive Prayer Reader: Pat File**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace.

God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace.

God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in

penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace. God give peace. For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace; May God give peace. **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Choir: Da Pacem Domine

Listening

Scripture Reader: Colin Whiteside Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Sermon: Daring Justice

Song for Reflection: MV#78 God Weeps

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People: Reader Don Donaldson

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#359 He Came Singing Love

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Amen

Postlude