



Lest we forget

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.
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United Church of Canada
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Remembrance Sunday November 12, 2023

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha
MUSIC: No pianist -Videos

WELCOME

Leader: As we gather to honor our veterans, remembering the ultimate sacrifices they paid for the sake of peace that we enjoy today, may you be comforted and strengthened in your hearts.

All: We ask that we may have peace flowing like a river.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

SONG: "I wouldn't Take a Million Dollars for a Single Maple Leaf."
(by: Roy Payne) Video.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this Remembrance Day we gather to tell the wonderful things God has done.

All: We gather to tell and listen from the past and present.

Leader: Let us tell the new generation that they may know the effect of war and peace.

All: Let us open our mouths in the declaration of God's peace in the generations to come.

Leader: Come, let us gather to remember the great men and women who served in the war for peace.

All: We gather with songs, poems, stories, and prayer in remembrance of them.

OPENING PRAYER:

A POEM: By Revd Barbara Glasson

Leader: What do we remember today?

All: The child with the gun

The shell of the house

The crumble of dreams

Leader: The breaking of bodies and peace?

All: The ringing of ears

The screaming of shot

The shrapnel of brick

Leader: The breaking of cover and trust?

All: The bearing of arms

The bearing of grief

The bearing of news

Leader: The breaking of treaties and pacts?

The braving of stares

The shaking of heads

The silence of days

Leader: The breaking of promise and hearts?

All: The living for peace

The longing to change

The disarming of hate

Leader: The breaking of patterns of war?

All: The piercing of death

The weeping of friends

The anguish of grief

Leader: The rising and breaking of bread?

****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 577 "I've Got Peace Like a River."

CHILDREN'S TIME: Video

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 149 "Peace for the Children."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Loving God, speak to us in this worship. Teach us through the videos, stories, and Word that we may know your peace, the peace you give to the world. Help us acknowledge your wisdom and love now and forever that we may choose love over hate. Amen!

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 4:1-5

The word of God to us, God's people.

REFLECTION: "STORY TELLING" BY: ANN Shumard (W) & Cathy Gigen (B)

****HYMN:** VU # 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

In remembrance of those who served and those who today serve in the military, let us give thanks to God through our offering.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 191 "What Can I Do?"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Giving God, your word explicitly confirms that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. May this love reconcile us to you and to each other and aid in offering what

has been given to us to the needs of the people in the world and our local communities. We ask this through Christ. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Leader: God has been faithful throughout the ages. His steadfast love endures forever. Let us remember those who died in their line of duty for freedom, let us commend their spirits anew to God's compassionateness. Let us remember those who lost their loved ones in the war, holding them to God's cradling arms and continual healing.

let us remember those who have served, and those serving in peacekeeping in the Middle East, Europe, Asia, and other parts of Africa. Let us pray for their loved ones who wait and who deal with the impact of war.

Silence

All: God, in their pain remember them.

Leader: Let us pray for men and women who suffer trauma and infirmity from war. Let us remember the civilians who are victims of war who suffer and who have died. Let us remember the doctors and caregivers, counselors, and spiritual leaders who help in their well-being and healing process.

Let us pray for peace among nations and between nations. Let us pray for God's intervention in all places where creation is lamenting for conflict and war. Let us remember those who build peace in our world today.

Silence

All: God, in their suffering and service remember them.

Leader: Let us remember the seniors in the homes, those who attend to their needs and family members. Let us pray for those who are secluded and the sick in our communities of faith. Let us hold them in prayer that there will be restoration. Names mentioned: Merciful God, remember them. Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. So, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in 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 and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 214 "May God's Sheltering Wings."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Leader: Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Philippians 4:8 NRSVA).

All: "Let us make right now, tomorrow is far, tomorrow will be late, tomorrow may never come" (Linet Sabastian)

Leader: Go out in peace rejoicing in the hope of the one whose presence is always with us.

**All: We go out delightfully celebrating in the love of Christ.
Great is his faithfulness, thanks be to God!**