

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 5, 2017, 11:00 am

Pentecost 22 Remembrance Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy and Choir Enter

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ and Outreach Candles

* Choral Introit: "May the Words"

* Call to Worship:

One: There was a dream.

All: Wolves and sheep together, nations at peace, weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.

One: There was a dream.

All: The vulnerable supported, poverty and injustice broken, the aching made whole.

One: And this dream of God became flesh.

All: On the tongues of the prophets, in the dreams of the people, in the body of Christ.

One: And this dream of God becomes flesh.

All: In you and me as we follow in God's holy way and life the love of Jesus.

One: Let's worship God.

* Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

VU #806

Act of Remembrance:

One: Remember the people, men and women, who have died in active service.

All: And we remember their friends and family members who still feel deep grief.

One: Remember the men and women who still suffer the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wounds of war.

All: And we remember those for whom depression and post-traumatic stress is a reality.

One: Remember the naval, army and air force personnel who faced mortal danger.

All: And we remember civilians, bombed, shelled, and driven from their homes, and refugees living in camps without hope of a new life.

One: Peace-loving God,

All: While we commit ourselves to remembering, count us in when it comes to compassionate and practical support for those who suffer because of wars, past and present. We remember, and we act, because Jesus inspires us. Amen.

The Last Post Moment of Silence Reveille

One: 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.

All: We will remember them.

Listening

Children's Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

VU #577

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Micah 4:1-4

Anthem: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon: Study War No More

* **Hymn:** "Down by the Riverside" (insert)

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** "When We Are Living" VU #581, v2

* **Prayer of Dedication:**

Oppression, inequality, scarcity and intolerance are the kindling for conflict. Through our offerings, Gracious God, address injustice, encourage dialogue, and fill minds and stomachs to put out the embers, before they become the fires of war. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" VU #670

* **Commissioning:**

One: People of God, once more we return to the world, remembering what was lost to secure what we have today.

All: Let this Remembrance renew our faith in the peace that God will create. And let our witness be a guide to others, so that we will no longer have to add names to our sacred task of remembering.

* **Choral Blessing:** "Go, Now, in Peace"

Music as We Depart

Down by the Riverside

Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside

Down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my burden,
down by the riverside,

Gonna study war no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more,

Ain't gonna study war no more,

Ain't gonna study war no more.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside

Down by the riverside,
down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
down by the riverside,

Gonna study war no more.

Ain't gonna study war no more,

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