

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 11:00 am

Remembrance Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: Sharing, loving and forgiving...

All: We light this Outreach Candle to remind us that we are all to be instruments of peace.

One: May the Holy Spirit be with us as we stop, think and act as Jesus taught.

All: We light this Christ Candle to illuminate the peace that is in our hearts.

* **Introit:** "Holy God, VU #894, v1
We Praise Your Name"

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* 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.

* **Hymn:** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" VU #806

* **Opening Prayer:**

One: God, we know you take no joy in death.

All: We know you take no joy in our wars, in our battles, in our conflicts.

One: We know that your tears are for all your children, of every land and race, of every time and place.

All: We know that what you want for all creation is life—abundant life.

One: And so we ask for your wisdom.

All: We ask for your guidance.

One: We ask for your peace.

All: Your shalom. Your salaam.*

One: We ask for your hands to guide your creation, for your love to sustain your creation,

All: and for your grace to surround your creation—now. Forever. Amen.

**Salaam: "and unto you, Peace"*

* **Act of Remembrance:**

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.

The Last Post

A Moment of Silence

Reveille

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**All: May the souls of the righteous, through your great
mercy, rest in peace. Amen.**

* Hymn: "O Canada" VU #524

Listening

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU #400

Scripture Readings: Job 19:23-27a
Luke 20:27-38

One: This is part of our sacred story.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Abide with Me"

Sermon: **My Dog Knows**

* Hymn: "My Soul Cries Out" MV #120

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: Praise God, From Whom VU #541
All Blessings Flow"

* Offertory Prayer:

**God, sometimes your people are required to offer much,
even their lives, in the service of justice and of freedom.
We offer our gifts of time, talent, and money in service to
justice and freedom. May real and lasting change start
now, with us, through us, and with God's blessing. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

* Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" VU #678
vss. 1, 2, 4

* Commissioning:

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 with us.

**All: No matter how hardened the world becomes, all it
takes is one ray of light for a new day to be upon us
once again. Let us be that light.**

* Benediction

Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"

Music as We Depart

One Thousand Men Are Walking

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The spirit as their guide
they walk toward the light milord
they walk towards the sun
they smoke and laugh and smile together
no foes to outrun
these men live on forever
in the hearts of those they saved
a nation truly grateful
for the path of peace they paved
they march as friends and comrades
but they do not march for war
step closer to salvation
a tranquil steady corps
the meadows lit with golden beams
a beacon for the brave
the emerald grass untrampled
a reward for what they gave
they dream of those they left behind
and know they dream of them
forever in those poppy fields
there walks one thousand men

Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)



In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

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.