

**ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH  
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, November 8, 2020, 10:00 am

### **Remembrance Sunday**

**Music as We Gather**

#### **Gathering**

**Lighting of the Outreach, Unity and Christ Candles**

Sharing, loving and forgiving...

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

May there be joy in knowing our faith and our God includes all people in love and companionship.

**We light this Unity Candle so it may glow with a uniting light, welcoming all people into the love that surrounds us all.**

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

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

**Hope Candles**

**Recognition of the Land and Indigenous People**

## Welcome and Announcements

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### Call to Worship:

On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray...

**for a world where no one will learn war anymore.**

On this day we remember that guns once fell silent...

**we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart,  
home and nation.**

On this day of hope,

**we come before you, God, to remember all those who  
gave their lives so we could be free.**

In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us feel the winds of  
the Spirit to enable a world to live together.

**And so, let us be surrounded by the winds of peace in  
our worship today.**

### Hymn:

“I Feel the Winds of God”

VU #625

I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the water's crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest,  
and brave another cruise.

It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts shall rise  
the purer, brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
O let me feel your freshening breeze,  
and I'll put back to sea.

If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above;  
it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift.  
I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, we confess that we have been afraid. We have been indecisive when others' lives were threatened, too concerned about politics and precedent. At other times, we have been quick to jump in, assured of our own righteousness and the justness of our cause. We have too often prayed to you to support our own prejudices and goals. Forgive us, and give us courage to seek peace with justice in your world, wherever that may lead us.**

## **A Time of Remembrance**

**Hymn:** "O Canada"

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.

**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.

**We will remember them.**

**The Last Post**

**A Moment of Silence**

**Rouse**

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.**

## **Listening**

### **Children's Focus**

**Hymn:**

“He Came Singing Love”

VU #359

He came singing love and he lived singing love;  
he died singing love.

He arose in silence.

For the love to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and he lived singing faith;  
he died singing faith.

He arose in silence.

For the faith to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and he lived singing hope;  
he died singing hope.

He arose in silence.

For the hope to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and he lived singing peace;  
he died singing peace.

He arose in silence.

For the peace to go on we must make it our song;  
you and I be the singers.

**Scriptures:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18  
Matthew 25:1–13

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Special Music:** “Peace”  
*Offered by Nancy Handrigan and Ken Hassell*

**Sermon:** **Oil in Our Lamps**

## **Celebrating**

**Minute for Mission**

**Prayers of the People**

**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, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn:**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

VU #678

For the healing of the nations,  
God, 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.

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.

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 life's brief span.

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.

**Commissioning**

## **Benediction:\***

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,  
we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,  
and for your continual presence in our lives.

Remind us that no matter where we go, you are there.

No matter how bleak the world becomes, all it takes is  
one ray of light for a new day to be upon us once again.

Amen.

## **Music as We Depart**

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