

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

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.

Listening

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

Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" VU #678

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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