ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 06, 2022, 10:00 am

Remembrance Day Sunday

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Introit: "Touch Me, God's Spirit" x2
Touch me, God's Spirit eternal. Touch me, resplendent Light
Give my life new meaning, show me the true and right.

The Lighting of the Remembrance Candles

At the going down of the sun and in the morning... we will remember them.

Recognition of the Land

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Where there is so much war...

we search for peace.

In a world of chaos and confusion...

we search for calm and clarity.

In a world that is in so much pain...

we search for healing.

In a world of divisions and isolation...

we search for communion and community.

In a world of despair...

We search for hope.

In this time of story, song, and prayer, help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

And so, let echo the old prayers—make us channels of your peace.

* **Hymn:** "Make Me a Channel of your Peace" VU #684

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain:

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy. (R)

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life. (R)

Opening Prayer

Act 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 Reveille

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.

* **Hymn**: "O Canada" VU #524

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.

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

* The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn:** "Like a Mighty River Flowing" VU #267

Like a mighty river flowing, like a flower in beauty growing, far beyond all human knowing is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even, like the coursing clouds of heaven, like the heart that's been forgiven is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing, like the tall trees softly swaying, like the lips of silent praying is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended, like the scents of evening blended, like a friendship never ended is the perfect peace of God. Like the azure ocean swelling, like the jewel all-excelling, far beyond our human telling is the perfect peace of God.

Scripture:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Luke 20:27-38

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go [Matheson/MacDonald]

Offered by Orchard Valley United Church Choir

Message: In Whose Image?

Rev Don Sellsted

* **Hymn:** "Be Thou My Vision" VU #642

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife; I ever with thee, and thou in my life; thou loving parent, thy child may I be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight be thou my dignity, thou my delight, thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

* Offertory: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU #541 vs.1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low; give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

* Offertory Prayer:

God, sometimes your people are asked 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 in the name of peace start now, with us, through us, and with God's blessing. Amen

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "May the God of Hope Go with Us" VU #424

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of love keep our commitment clear to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Commissioning

* Benediction

The God of forgiveness bless you, the grace of Christ keep you, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you. Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve. And the people said ... **AMEN!**

> "Amen" VU #967 Amen, Amen, A-men.