

First United Church

November 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday



Purpose: Building Relationships,
Living God's Transforming Love.

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- Is a request to stand in body or in spirit

Prelude Trombone Prelude: Nina

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Listening as we Gather

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

One: Let us pause for a moment and consider our role in reconciliation.

All: **First United Church resides on treaty lands known as the Haldimand Tract, which straddle either side of the Grand River, from Lake Erie all the way to north of Shelburne, and upon the traditional territory of Attawandaron, Anishinaabe, and Haudenosaunee people. We recognize this gathering place where we worship and serve is home to many past, present, and future First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. May our honouring of the land and worship of Creator this day plant a seed that will grow into relationships of justice and healing between settlers and Indigenous peoples in our midst.**

One: We aspire to create a safer space for everyone. We welcome you and the gifts you bring as part of your sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, race, cultural background or abilities.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

Introit: Grant to Us Your Peace (English, Latin, English)

VU 955

Lighting of the Christ Candle and procession of the Word

- Call to Worship

- Opening Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

VU 806

Prayer of Approach

Act of Remembering

In Flanders Fields (by L.Col John McCrae)

Words of Remembrance

ONE: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

ALL: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

ONE: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

ALL: We will remember them.

A Candle-Lighting Litany

ONE: [The 1st candle is lit] We light this candle to remember all those men and women who died in the service of Canada in times of war, on peacekeeping missions, and in conflicts in other countries. At the going down of the sun and in the morning...

ALL: We will remember them.

ONE: [The 2nd candle is lit] We light this candle to remember victims of war on all sides, especially the most vulnerable: women, children, LGBTQIA+, those who are sick and disabled, or elderly and those who are already rejected by their society. At the going down of the sun and in the morning...

ALL: We will remember them.

ONE: [The 3rd candle is lit] We light this candle to remember the service animals who died in support of the troops: the horses, the dogs, the carrier pigeons. At the going down of the sun and in the morning...

ALL: We will remember them.

ONE: [The 4th candle is lit] We light this candle for the families of all service people. We give thanks for the support and care they offered and continue to offer when their loved ones return home. We remember especially those who suffer from the traumatic effects of their service. At the going down of the sun and in the morning...

ALL: We will remember them.

ONE: [The 5th candle is lit] We light this candle for our earth and all of creation, recognizing that it, too, is a casualty of war. We acknowledge the ecological destruction of the earth, the sea, and the air, and pray that our Creator might help us to restore the ongoing devastation of our natural world. Loving God,

ALL: Make us instruments of your peace.

ONE: [The 6th candle is lit] We light this candle for the hundreds of thousands of refugees displaced by war who must seek new homelands, a safe and peaceful place to live, and a fresh start. Loving God,

ALL: Make us instruments of your peace.

ONE: [The 7th candle is lit] We light this candle as a candle of love to remind us that God commands us to forgive one another and to be reconciled to one another. Loving God,

ALL: Make us instruments of your peace.

ONE: [The 8th candle is lit] We light this candle because we believe Jesus is the light of the world. His light shines in the worst of times and nothing ever puts it out. Loving God,

ALL: Make us instruments of your peace.

Last Post - Minute of Silence – Reveille

Matthias Girolametto - Trumpet

Listening For God's Word

Ministry of Music - Family Choir:

We Will Live in Peace/Dona Nobis Pacem Trad. Spirituals Arr. Shafferman
Move When the Spirit Says Move Traditional American

The Story for the Young at Heart

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 2:1-4 (New King James Version)

(Reader: Paul Miller)

One: Herein Lies Wisdom.

All: Thanks Be To God.

Ministry of Music - Gallery Choir: The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23) Charles Collins

Reflection: "Let Us Beat the Swords Into Plowshares."

Rev. Hoeun Lee

• **Hymn** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

VU 684

Responding to God's Word

Time of Offering

Offertory

Adagio

W. A. Mozart

Matthias Girolametto - Trumpet

• **Dedication of Offering** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

Prayer of Dedication:

All: Accept, O God, our gifts freely given. Bless these gifts that they may be signs of freedom for others: freedom from hunger, from oppression, from conflict, from violence. Use these gifts, as you use us, for your purpose in the world. Amen

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine P.C., Kincardine, Ont.

Call to Prayer Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

Candle-Lighting Liturgy

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (and Mother), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

• **Sending Hymn** Give Thanks for Life

VU 706

Sending Forth and Benediction

• **Benediction Response** Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

Recession of the Light and Word

Postlude: Overture from "Fireworks Music"

Handel