Stettler United Church

Date: November 08,2026
24th After Pentecost
Remembrance Day Service

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Linda Kneeland
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie and/or Nora Nixon
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

All Stand for O' Canada ~ #524 VU

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Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Response: And also with you.

Welcome Back & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Nov 22** the worship service will be shorter to have a congregational information discussion on the ministerial situation. We meet with Karen Medland on the Tuesday before so hope to have some direction.
- **Office Closed** Wednesday November 11.
- **Thanks again** to all our bakers who helped make the 97 pies. The final tally was $1533.00. Please pick up the printed announcements for a message from the UCW.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.
Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

On Remembrance Day, we give thanks for those who have made sacrifices in pursuit of justice.
Soldiers, pilots, sailors, marines.
We honour the sacrifices made in pursuit of peace.
Nurses, ambulance drivers, doctors, chaplains.
We affirm the sacrifices made in pursuit of freedom.
Parents, spouses, partners, children.
We lament that these sacrifices were necessary.
We renew our calling to strive for peace and justice, freedom and truth.
We celebrate life reclaimed from war.
We proclaim life abundant, in Jesus Christ.
Let us worship together and remember together,
knowing that, in God's heart, their sacrifice is never forgotten.
Gill Le Fevre, *Walton Memorial U.C., Oakville, Ont.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

We gather in the light of Christ to understand more clearly the sacrifices that war has required, to honour those who have made them, and to pray for a time when they will never be required again.
As we light our candle today, we especially pray for the cessation of war and conflict in: Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Ongoing middle east conflict with Iran Syria, Yemen and the Hormaz Corridor, Many Africa Countries, Sudan, Congo, Samalia, Niger, Mali, Nigeria and Ethiopia, Mexico and Haiti.
Pour out your peace, O Christ, on all your people.
Karen Boivin, *Melville U.C., Fergus, Ont.*

Special Music ~ Malcolm Fischer ~ In Flanders Fields

Hymn: *Seek Ye First VU 356*

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Opening Prayer

Source of Life, we are grateful for your faithfulness, for your abiding love, and for the inspiration of the Spirit.

Even when we slip and fall, you tenderly pick us up and whisper in our ear, "Keep going."

We are your beloved. May we reflect your love to the world.

May you give us strength when we are weary and hope when we despair.

Give us courage when we are afraid

and perseverance when we want to give up.

Guide us in our journey through this world you love so much.

May we be like billions of candles lighting up the world with your compassion, forgiveness, justice, wisdom, and peace.

May it be so!

Amen!

Susan Girard, *Riverview U.C., Atikokan, Ont.*

Prayer of Confession

Today we bring our concerns to you, God of compassion and fount of wisdom.

We come seeking your path through the desert of our uncertainty.

For we live in a time of uncertainty.

The world around us resounds with voices of division and chaos.

Yet we acknowledge in our hearts that we already know the way, for you have given us guidance through similar experiences in the past.

You have shown the way to peace and justice when the winds of war have blown over our land.

You have shown us the way to hope when social justice is denied and when the health of every citizen has been in peril.

In these and other times, we have experienced and acknowledged your call to justice.
Calm our trembling lips.
Allow our hearts to share courage and wisdom,
for we need to find a path that carries us to that place of peace and hope. Amen.
Jim McKean, *Orillia, Ont.*

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

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Prayer of Illumination

May the reading of your word, O God, give us inspiration, hope, and confidence. Amen.
Elizabeth Stewart, St. Paul's U.C. Burns Lake, B.C.

Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland

- Joshua 24: 1-3a 14-25
- Psalm 78: 1-7
- 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-8
- Matthew 25: 1-13

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message

*Hymn ~ MV 106 I Am the Dream

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Invitation for Offering

We are here to find a way ahead, to be encouraged by the words and teachings of Jesus and to be open anew to the ways that we can share in God's mission to the world. Now we are invited to offer our gifts to enable the work of this congregation locally and also globally through Mission and Service of the United Church. Our offering will be received.

*Offering Hymn VU *#381 Spirit of Life*

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Offering Prayer

We offer these gifts today with a prayer for peace, especially in the lives of the world's children. Bring them the peace of a secure and loving home, where their needs can be met and their dreams can become reality. Amen.

Karen Boivin, *Melville U.C., Fergus, Ont.*

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Parting Hymn ~ *Live Into Hope VU 699*

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The Last Post ~ Silence Reveille (Separate Video)

*Commissioning and Benediction

When bombs fall and missiles strike,
we pray for peace.
When voices are raised in anger,
we pray for peace.
When fists fly and guns are discharged,
we pray for peace.
May there be peace on earth
and in our lives.
May we go forth in peace,
knowing that the God of peace goes with us, now and always.

Beth W Johnston, *Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, N.S.*

Parting Message

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see. (PTO)

Postlude