

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
November 10th, 2024
Remembrance Sunday

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Greeting and Announcements

Introit: As We Gather

Call to Worship:

On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray for a world where no one will learn war anymore.

On this day when the 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 to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

Prayer of Approach:

O God, at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear and pain of war. Come gently in our worship this morning that we may know your peace; not the peace of violence ignored and fear repressed, but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Hymn: Let There Be Light **VU 679 vs 1,4**

A Time for All People

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, violence and hatred have so often overwhelmed our world. Today we remember and repent as we acknowledge that, even in our own lives, hatred sometimes

obscures love, and violence sometimes overcomes peace. Heal us, O God, assist us as we work for peace in our homes, our community, our church, and our world. Call us again to live lives of love, caring, generosity and concern. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. (Silence)

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the vision of the prophets: "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Trust the God who longs for peace.

We are forgiven, strengthened and empowered to be peacemakers in our world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

'A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE'

Hymn: God! As With Silent Hearts **VU 527 vs 1,2**

In Flanders Fields (by Lt. Col. John McCrae)

Reading of the Honour Roll

Minute of Silence

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.

Hymn: God! As With Silent Hearts **VU 527 vs 3,4**

Offering: For All Your Goodness, God **VU 549**

Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers. May they be used to foster peace and joy in this world and in the lives of those who cross our paths.

**May real and lasting change start now, with us,
through us, and with God's blessing. Amen.**

Scripture Readings:

Hebrew Scriptures: Micah 4:1-4

Psalms 23 **on page 749 of VU R1**

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-13

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Meditation

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: Maranatha

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace **VU 684**

Commission and Benediction

'ODE TO NEWFOUNDLAND'

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