Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada



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November 13, 2016 Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn Worship Hosts: Leah & Jeff Lindskog, Dave Millar, Robert McLeod Candle-Lighters: Sarah & Emily Lindskog Reader: Olga Martin



Coffee: Olga Martin, Olive McLeod MINISTERS: ALL OF US! With Kathy Platt and Michelle McConkey Guest Worship Leaders: Community Service Committee

We pray that our worship is both 'child & adult friendly'. Please feel free to make the language of worship inclusive for you. Please sit or stand as you are able. Blessed be our time together.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the prayer bowl

Gathering: #376 Spirit of the Living God (words on screens)

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles



Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Missions: "Daring to Imagine Peace"

Call to Worship ^

After the wreaths have been laid down at the cenotaph, after the poppies have been taken off the lapels, after the "Last Post" has been played and the band has marched off, we gather in search of a new way.

We gather on this Sunday after Remembrance Day war-weary and longing for a sign of peace.

It starts here, it starts now, again, with each thought in our head,

each prayer in our heart, with each choice we make and with each action we take.

Let us seek to open up to Divine Love, for then we can truly open up to the possibility of peace.

Prayer of Approach $^{\wedge}$

God, we know you take no joy in death.

We know you take no joy in our wars; in our conflicts. We know that your tears are for all your children, of every land and race, of every time and place. We know that what you want for all creation is life – abundant life. And so we ask for your wisdom and your guidance. We ask for your peace. Your shalom. Your salaam. We ask for your hands to guide your creation, for your love to sustain your creation, for your grace to surround your creation, now and forever. Amen. **Opening Hymn:** #687 When Will People Cease Their Fighting? (words on screens)

A Litany of Remembrance: +

- 1. Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.
- All Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed.
- 2. Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.
- All Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes.
- 1. Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.
- All Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace.
- 2. Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.
- All Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies.
- 1. Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.
- 2. Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.
- All Remember with joy that our Saviour is the Prince of Peace.

(Silent prayers of the heart....) Amen.

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: #577 (v 1) – I've Got Peace Like a River (words on screens)

WE LISTEN

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem: May I Be Still

Conversation time

Hymn: #612-There Is a Balm in Gilead (words on screens)

Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25 The New Creation

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: #684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (words on screens)

Our Offerings are Received (Choir will sing: Shalom, Pacem, Peace)

Doxology:

(words on screens)

Words by L. Erhardt

Prayer of Dedication

A Prayer for Peace & Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn: #884- You Shall Go Out With Joy (Isaiah 55) (words on screens)

Commissioning & Blessing

Sung Response: #964 - Go Now In Peace (words on screens)

Postlude

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