



Sunset United Church

November 14, 2021 - Remembrance Sunday



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn VU#34 Come Now, O God of Peace¹
Come now, O God of peace, we are your people;
pour out your spirit that we be one body.

Lighting the Christ and Affirming Candles

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,
We remember the past and look to the future.
On this day remembering when the guns fell silent
We come before you, God, seeking your peace
On this day of hope in the face of fear and violence,
We come before you, God, praying with all our hearts:
God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
**Help us to find the path that leads to the peace you
dream of for creation. Open our eyes and the eyes of
the nations to find a different path through the
disagreements of life that arise in this world.**
In this time of story, song and prayer,

May we be re-committed to being a people of peace
and compassion. May we catch a vision of how the
world could live together.

And so we echo the old prayers,

Make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace on
Earth and let it begin with us. Amen.

Hymn MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts²

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation

Holy God,
we want to believe
that the arc of the universe
bends towards justice:
that evil will be overthrown,
that those who are poor will be lifted up,
that those who are homeless will find shelter,
that those who are cast out and excluded
will be made welcome,
that peace will take root in the human heart,
that the earth will be renewed,
that your kin-dom will come,
but the weight of history
bears heavily upon us.
We know how often hopes
Have been disappointed,
How many dreams
Have been crushed.
Therefore, we are tempted
To abandon hope
And we scarcely dare to dream.
We do not trust your promises
And we take refuge
In the cynical wisdom of this age.
Forgive us. Heal us.
Teach us how to hope and dream.
Make us a community
That seeks justice and resists evil.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Assurance

Sung Response MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am³

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set up your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Sharing the Story Change Sings - written by Amanda Gorman

Hymn VU#695 God Is Passionate Life⁴

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek justice for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek freedom for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek equality for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek dignity for all people.

God is passionate life, strong and vibrant in us as
we seek peace in our day for all people.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Isaiah 2:2-4
Romans 12:17-21

Special Music

Reflection

Hymn VU#702 When a Poor One⁵

When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the wounded in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seem all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbour,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU#684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace⁶

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:

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.

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.
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.

Benediction

Amen

Postlude



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