

**BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH**  
**November 6, 2022 – 10 am    22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Remembrance Sunday**

Theme: Honouring All Those Who Sacrificed in the Quest for Peace

\*Indicates stand as able

\* *The live service will be broadcasted and recorded on YouTube, check your email for the link.*

*The audio recording of the live service should be available by phone Monday afternoon at 613- 820-8104*

**Announcement Slides & Gathering Music:**

**\*Processional** – Denis Watson

**\*Opening Hymn: Make Me A Channel – Voices United #684**

1 Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love  
Where there is injury, your healing power  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

*Chorus:*

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

2 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

3 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 are born to eternal life.

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**Lighting of Christ Candle:    Acolytes:**

*(James Traquair, Gathering Pentecost 2 2017, p 47. Used with permission.)*

We light this Christ candle to remind us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.

We light the candle of Remembrance to remind us of the supreme sacrifice of those who have defended our freedom and our peace forever and for all.

**Welcome:            Rev. Lorrie Lowes**

Good morning! I welcome and greet you in the name of Jesus Christ on this Remembrance Sunday. This morning I am struck by the absence of so many of the vets who we have seen proudly processing in to the sound of the bagpipes in earlier times. These past few years have been hard on so many and now that we are back together in person, it's moments like this that really make it strike home.

*(Highlight some announcements...)*

**Centering for Worship:            Rev. Lorrie**

Now, let us prepare our hearts to remember and our minds to reflect as we join together in the...

**Call to Gather: (Responsively)            Leader: Rev. Lorrie Lowes**

*(Richard Bott, Gathering Pentecost 2 2014, p41. Used with permission)*

We stand in silence –

**Remembering the death.**

We stand in silence –

**Remembering the destruction.**

We stand in silence –

**Remembering the loss.**

We stand in silence –

**Remembering the horror of war**

To the soldiers,

**To the women, men, and children,**

To the land and all that lives on it.

*(silence)*

We stand in silence –

**Remembering.**

**Waiting.**

**Watching.**

**Working for peace –**

**In our lives,**

**In our community,**

**In our country,**

**In our world.**

In all these things, *with* all these things...

**We worship God.**

***Opening Prayer: (Responsively)***

*(Kate Crawford, Gathering Pentecost 2 2015, p47. Used with permission.)*

Remembering the generations who have gone before us,

**We have come to this place of peace to worship you.**

Remembering the many who gave their lives so that we might be free,

**We have come to this hour of peace to worship you.**

Remembering all who have suffered loss and grief in the name of war,

**We have come to this service of peace to worship you.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, ever the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

***Special Music: Dona Nobis Pacem Bell Canto – director: Erin Berard***

***Time for the Young at Heart: Susan Young***

*Prayer of Jesus / The Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-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-dom, the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever, Amen.

**\* Hymn: More Voices #149 – Peace For the Children**

1. Peace for the children, peace, peace.  
Peace for the children we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace  
We work for healing, we work for peace;  
Peace for the children today.

2. Peace for the families, peace, peace...  
3. Peace for the nations, Peace, peace...  
4. Peace for the planet, peace, peace...

***Act of Remembrance:***

***Intro – Rev. Lorrie***

***Laying of the Wreath*** - Maj. Angela Starchuk, MCpl (ret'd) Trevor Starchuk, and Kael Fowler

***\* Remembrance Slides begin\****

***In Flanders Fields*** - David Stafford

***Last Post***

***Two Minutes Silence***

***Rouse***

***Lament*** – Denis Watson

***“O Canada”***

***Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)    Reader: Kael Fowler***

**Gracious God, as we hear your Scripture today, bless us with your spirit of understanding. Heal us from the pains of war and make us instruments of your peace. Amen.**

***Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 The Future House of God***

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
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 any more.  
<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

### **Ephesians 6: 10-11, 13-18 - The Whole Armor of God**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

**We listen and we respond with action.**

**Ministry of Music: Prayer for Today – Tucker/Kemp**

**BCUC Choir**

**Sermon: “They Planted the Seeds, We Are the Gardeners”**

*Moment of Reflection*

**Prayers of the People:**

**Rev. Lorrie**

*(Won Hur, Gathering Pentecost 2 2021, p70. Used with permission.)*

In a world of uncertainty, let us turn to God, who laid the foundation of the universe, whose infinite moral arc bends toward the side of justice. Let us pray to God who steadies us as we pray:

Gracious God, On this day we remember.

We remember you as the Creator of the universe, who created us in your image, who breathed into us and gave us life. We also remember you as the one who heard the cries of your people suffering as slaves in Egypt, rescued them, helped them to cross the Red Sea, and gave them new laws to live by. We also remember your voice in the prophets who called for justice, especially for the lowest and the least in the society. We remember

Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. Holy One, for the ways you have revealed your goodness and compassion to us, we give you thanks and praise.

Loving God,

We raise before you the concerns of our world, broken, divided, and under duress. Remember us as we seek ways to live through this continuing pandemic. Remember us as we strive to live in peace. Remember us as we follow your ways by serving our neighbours with compassion and celebrating your presence even during these turbulent times. Holy One, remember those of us who are hurting, who are scared, who are despairing, and who are praying for a better world.

God of Peace,

We pray for our world, a world that still has not quite figured out how to live in peace. We pray for the soldiers who still have to fight, who still get injured, and who die. We pray for people who live in conflict zones in various parts of our world. We pray for your wisdom, especially to guide our leaders. Give us a vision as to how we can move toward your heavenly reality to come on earth.

Trusting in your goodness and your unfailing love, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Musical Offering:** based on the poem by John McCrae; chorus melody inspired by spiritual, "Going Home".

**In Flanders Fields" – a new version in song from Pat Mayberry**

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| 1. In Flanders fields the poppies blow<br>Between the crosses, row on row<br>That mark our place, and in the sky<br>The larks, still bravely singing fly | Scorching earth and shattered loss<br>The courage and the brutal cost.   |
| Chorus:<br>Rest now, every heart and soul<br>Bless the seeds you've sown<br>Peace we must guard and grow<br>So the sounds of war they cry no more.       | 3. Through weary days their hearts did strive,<br>To keep the fires of hope alive.<br>All who prayed this flame would burn,<br>Did watch and wait for love's return. |
| 2. And into battle they did go<br>The hell of war they could not know,   | 4. In Flanders fields the poppies blow<br>While children live and learn and grow.<br>Thankful hearts for gifts bestowed<br>Remember this forever more.               |

**Invitation to Offer:**

**Rev. Lorrie**

Remembering the sacrifice of others, we bring our offering forward today. May this sacrifice be one to help bring new life to all of the places and people who are in need of resurrection. As we offer our treasures, let us also commit our lives to spreading the love that leads to peace.

We are not passing the offering plates this morning as we continue to follow health protocols, but you will find those plates on the table in the narthex. There are many additional ways you can financially support the work of the church – through PAR, by

dropping into the office or using the mail slot by the kitchen door, or by e-transfer. Thank you for your continued love and support of Bells Corners United Church.

**\*Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands (v1) - Voices United #537**

Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.

**\*Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

(Gord Dunbar, Gathering Pentecost 2, 2015, p47. Used with permission.)

**Our gifts seem so insignificant against the needs and conflicts of the world, yet we still are called into witness and service. Bless us God and these gifts we offer, that we may fulfill your mission for all creation. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: Voices United #678 For the Healing of the Nations**

1. For the healing of the nations, God we pray with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;  
That redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.
3. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:  
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice, may we hallow life's brief span.
4. You creator God have written your great name on human kind;  
For our growing in your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

**\*Sending Forth: Rev. Lorrie**

(from Elaine Bidgood Sveet, Gathering Pentecost 2 2016, p49. Used with permission.)

God's way is a way of welcome, of peace, of reconciliation, of unity.  
Let us walk in God's way.

Go now into the world, with the blessings of God the Creator, God made known through Jesus, and God the Spirit who fills us with the breath of life. Amen.

**\*Recessional** – Amazing Grace

Bagpipe: Denis Watson