

**Kindred Spirits
Remembrance Sunday
Celebration of Communion
November 9, 2025**

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES

One:

Called to live with respect in Creation
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler and Newcomer people,
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn and serve,
and the water which sustains life on this land,
is of God, Creator,
and in the farthest reaches of memory
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,
and to their descendants.

One:

With the coming of colonizers,
treaties were made,
but again and again the colonizers disregarded and broke the treaties,
causing grave and lasting harm to the historic caregivers of the land,
to the generations that followed them,
and to the land itself.

All:

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,
we who gather here on Treaty One territory
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways
of honouring the treaties, the land and one another
in a spirit of openhearted respect.**

WELCOME

OPENING STATEMENT

Today we gather as kindred spirits and as children of God, neighbors in faith, citizens of the world. We gather to remember the cost of peace, to honor the fallen, to comfort the grieving, and to renew our commitment to justice and compassion. In this sacred space, memory becomes prayer, prayer becomes hope, and hope becomes action.

May what we do here deepen our reverence for life and strengthen our resolve to be peacemakers. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this Remembrance Sunday, we gather in the shadow of sacrifice and the light of hope.

All: We remember courage, service, and lives given for peace.

One: We come not to glorify war, but to honor those who walked its hard road.

All: We remember so that we may seek a world where swords become plows, and nations learn war no more.

One: In the name of the God who calls us to justice, compassion, and reconciliation—

All: We worship with gratitude, humility, and hope.

Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Let Us Pray:

Holy and loving God,

On this solemn day, we pause to remember.

We remember lives cut short, dreams unfinished, and families forever changed.

We remember courage in the face of danger, mercy in the midst of chaos, and humanity that refused to die even on the battlefield.

Grant us wisdom to pursue peace with the same courage that others have gone to war.

**Plant in us the seeds of justice, compassion, and reconciliation.
Make us instruments of your peace, builders of your beloved community,
and bearers of hope in every place where hatred has taken root.**

In your holy name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

MOMENT TO PONDER (Remembrance)

On Christmas Eve in 1914, in the frozen trenches of the First World War,
something unbelievable happened.

British and German soldiers—exhausted, wounded, enemies by command—laid
down their rifles and climbed out of the mud. They sang carols across the
darkness. They shared food and small gifts. Some even played a quiet game of
soccer in the snow.

For a few precious hours, the war stopped.

Strangers looked into the eyes of those they were expected to kill... and saw not
enemies, but human souls—sons and brothers, husbands and fathers... just like
themselves.

When dawn came, the command to fight returned.

Many who shared Christmas peace that night would not see another.

But their brief courage, the courage to see the humanity of the other still speaks
to us.

It reminds us that peace is possible, even where none seems likely.

And today, as we gather in remembrance and communion, we are called to carry
that same courage into our world.

HYMN: VU#527 God! As With Silent Hearts

Invitation to Remember

The Last Post

Minute of Silence

Reveille

Prayer for the Repose of the Departed

Eternal God, in your boundless mercy, grant rest to those who laid down their lives in service and sacrifice. Comfort the souls of the fallen with your everlasting peace and envelop their loved ones in your gentle embrace. May light perpetual shine upon them and may we honor their memory by building a world of justice and harmony. AMEN

SCRIPTURE:

Haggai 1:15-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 (VU p. 866)

Luke 20:27-38

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Give Us Peace"

REFLECTION:

HYMN: MV#78 God Weeps

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

We bring our gifts, ourselves, our strengths, our weaknesses, and our needs. All that we have and all that we are is a blessing to be shared.

Doxology VU#541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Let us Pray:

Creator, God, bless what we offer, Gifts shared, Lives given in service, hands and feet blessed, Community of Faith Inspired, to make the world a place of Hope and Joy. AMEN

HYMN: MV#198 When We Gather At the Table

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation:

Friends, we are ordinary people gathered to pray and sing, and worship God together. This place is open to all. God's love is available to all. When we gather around this table, we say to young or old, newcomer or regular you are precious, you belong here, you are beloved. This celebration is for you!

Greeting:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Creator God,

We are grateful today for blessings big and small.

We celebrate mothers and caregivers, who nurture and support us.

We rejoice in summer—the warmth of the sun, the fullness of gardens, the hum of bees, and the dance of butterflies.

We give thanks for long evenings, cool drinks, the laughter of children, the joy of picnics and gatherings, the fruits of our labor, and moments of well-earned rest.

We welcome this season of abundance and growth, of reflection and renewal.

We treasure your presence, guiding us, challenging us, shaping our life together, and being with us in good times and hard times.

And so it is that we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of Intercession

O God, we lift our prayers for the world,
Remembering all who struggle with adversity
All who hunger and thirst for justice.
We remember those who do not have enough.
Enough food, enough warmth, enough love!
We remember those whose homes are torn by war and destruction.
We pray for those who are imprisoned, physically and emotionally.
We pray for all who serve the broken hearted. Those who provide food and water,
those who offer medicine and care, those who listen to stories of grief.
Today we remember.....
We pray for our community, our friends and family in need. The sick and the
lonely, the grieving and the forgotten, the hungry and the alone. Today we
particularly remember

We pray for all those we name in the silence of our hearts.....

Words of Institution

Throughout his life Jesus shared meals with ordinary people. The displaced and
the outcast yes, his friends and disciples, yes, and throughout the span of history,
all those who have embraced his calling and endeavoured to follow his way. We
remember one such meal he ate with his disciples. He took the bread, and blessed
it, and broke it, and passed it to them saying, take this and eat. This bread is the
body of life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance and in Hope.

After that, he took the cup, poured it and blessed it, and passed it to them saying,
“This cup is the sign of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Pour your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, O God,
that we might be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ.
Dying to our old ways, may we rise to life anew.

Through your presence, may the garden of your Creation flourish and thrive,
and the fruits we bear nourish others.

AMEN.

Let us unite in the words of the Jesus prayer:

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
May your name be made Holy,
May your dominion come,
May your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
And forgive us our debts,
As we have forgiven our debtors,
And do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil,
For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever, AMEN**

The Gifts of God for the People of God

The Sharing:

May this bread nourish and sustain us on our journey

AMEN

May this cup bless and refresh in our searching and our serving

AMEN

Come, for all is now ready.

Prayer After Communion

**God of grace and love, we thank you for feeding us with your bread of life and
the cup of love. Empower us to go into the world as carriers of your love,
creating beauty, justice, and peace wherever we go. Amen.**

Hymn VU#424 May the God of Hope Go with Us

Announcements

Commissioning and Blessing

Go forth as bearers of memory and makers of peace. Carry the quiet center into a noisy world, the gift of hope into places of despair, and the spirit of reconciliation into every encounter. Live boldly in truth and love.

May the God of peace guard your hearts, the Spirit of hope renew your strength, and the Creator of all sustain you in grace—now and always. AMEN

Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace (VU 964)

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you everywhere,

Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Postlude