

King City United Church
A Vibrant, Caring, Christian Family
Proclaiming the Good News of God's Love
Through Jesus Christ!

November 6, 2022
Remembrance Sunday
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

... WITH OPEN DOORS ...

Prelude: "Minuet" from Sonata op.49 L. Beethoven

Welcome, Life and Work with King City UC

The Lighting of the Worship Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness." This candle reminds us of the presence of Christ in our midst.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship ¹

From east and west, north and south, we gather on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have committed themselves to service before self.

In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,

We remember that we are not alone.

We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.

We are united by the love of the One who said: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.

Let us worship God together!

*****Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" VU 806**

Opening Prayer

Response: "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (Sung twice) MV 85

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

Words of Micah 4:3

"[God] shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Response: "Don't Be Afraid"

MV 90

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.**

Prayer of Confession ¹

Holy One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost. For some, the price was their last breath. For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit. Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

Forgive us for using violence as a way to resolve our differences.

On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms and we say "Lest we forget." Yet, too often we forget that the wounds to mind and spirit can last a lifetime.

Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have often focused on what divides us rather than on what can bring us together.

Forgive us for our reluctance to do the hard work of peacemaking.

For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us...

Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Words of Assurance: John 3:17

Jesus said: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Receive the Good News: in Christ, you are forgiven! Our loving God desires that all people, indeed the whole world, be restored to right relationship with God and one another, so that we might live together in peace.

For the Young at Heart

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,

by L.Col. Dr. John McCrae

That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

... A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE ...

*****Hymn "O Canada"**

*****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.

*****Reading of the Honour Roll**

*****Last Post**

*****Minute of Silence**

(broken by the tolling of a bell 11 times for the 11th hour)

*****Rouse**

*****Words of Remembrance**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer for Enlightenment

1st Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 *(Page 616 in your pew Bibles)*

2nd Scripture Reading

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 6: 10-18, 23-24 (*Page 195 in your pew Bibles*)

Anthem: "Let There Be Peace" S. Miller

Reflection Sandra Kirby

*****Hymn "O Day of Peace" VU 682**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*****Offertory Hymn: "In Gratitude and Humble Trust" VU 544**

***Offering Prayer

Gracious God, bless these gifts and these givers. May they be used well 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.

... WITH FAITH OPEN TO THE WEEK AHEAD ...

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*****Closing Hymn: "This Is God's Wondrous World" VU 296**

Benediction ¹

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,

**we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,
and for your continual presence in our lives.**

Remind us that no matter where we go, you are there.

**No matter how bleak the world becomes, all it takes is one ray of
light for a new day to be upon us once again. Amen.**

***Choral Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

*****Extinguishing of the Christ Candle**

Christ has been with us sharing the light of life. He says to us, "You are the light of the world. Let your light shine."

We go forth taking with us the light of Christ in our hearts, and we promise to let it shine in the world through our good works, to the glory of God. Amen

Postlude: "Whatever God Ordains is Right" Chorales J.S. Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Nov. 13th – 23rd after Pentecost – Rev. Bruce Roffey

Nov. 20th – Reign of Christ Sunday – Rev Andrew Lee

Nov. 27th – Advent 1 – Rev. Bruce Roffey

A special "Thank You" to Sandra Kirby for leading our service today, while Rev. Andrew away.

Volunteers Needed at KCUC

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for a Sunday to provide Coffee/Tea and Cookies for our social time after the service. Instructions for making tea and coffee are posted in the kitchen if you are not sure of how to make them.

New Offering Envelopes

As options for tithing increases (PAR, eTransfer, Canada Helps) and in an effort to save both money and waste of paper, KCUC has decided to number your offering envelopes ourselves. Please contact Kristen at 905-833-5181 or kcuc@bellnet.ca to request envelopes and she will be happy to prepare some for you. When your supply gets low, please contact her for more.

Kristen can also set you up on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) if you would like to tithe as a monthly automatic Debit from your account.

Collection plates can be found on the table in the entranceway or at the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who has mailed a cheque to the church or sent an e-transfer using the church email address. Your offerings support the ministry of the church and we remind you that our expenses continue throughout the summer. Your support is much appreciated.

York Pines Book Club

The next Book Club meeting using Zoom and in-person at York Pines format will be on Wed., Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. The book for discussion is: "The Things We Cannot Say" by Kelly Rimmer. It is a WW II historical fiction novel. Linda Davies will facilitate the discussion.

New Hope Lunch and Games – Sat., Nov. 19th, 1 – 4 pm

Join New Hope for Soup and Sandwiches and an afternoon of games (board games, card games, or bring your own favorite games to share with friends). End the afternoon with a wonderful dessert from the dessert table. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.