



Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey."

Nov 5th, 2023 - Peace Sunday

* Indicates Standing

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude

Introit

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

VU#213

Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: On this day of memory, we gather to sing and pray,

All: We remember the past and look to the future.

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

All: We come before you God, seeking Your peace.

One: On this day of hope in the face of terror,

All: We come before you God, praying with all our hearts

One: God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

**All: Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a
better path through the disagreements of life in this world.**

One: In this time of story, song and prayer,

All: May we be re-committed to being people of Peace

One: May we catch a vision of how the world could live together,
and so we echo the old prayers,

**All: Make us channels of your peace. Let there be peace on
Earth and let it begin with us.**

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Oh God, you sent us the Prince of Peace to teach us your way but we are slow to learn and quick to forget. Help us to remember that small acts, joined together, shape society. Remind us of the dangers of hateful words and mean actions. Guide us in all our actions so that our small acts of love and kindness may shape a society of justice and mercy, security and peace for all. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn:** "O Canada" **VU#524**

Personal Prayer: "Don't Be Afraid" x2 **MV#90**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Time "I am Canada"

Children's Prayer

Dear God, show us the way of peace that Jesus lived and taught. We want to follow in his way, we need his peace a lot. Peace helps love to grow in us, it helps us to know You. So, God, help us to spread peace and love in all we say and do. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We are Pilgrims" **VU#595**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding **Reader: Scouts**

Scripture Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

Response:

One: This is the Word of God,

All: **light for our living, love for our hearts.**

Sermon: "Through Service, Peace"

Anthem: "In Flanders Fields" **Performed by: Charlie, Lee & France**

***Hymn:** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

MV#150

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Loving God, peace is such a precious gift that all creation cries out for it. May these gifts be a witness to others, of our faith in the Good News, that one day all of creation shall be surrounded by the Peace of Christ, each of us held by that blessing. May our gifts this day be acceptable to You and used by You for the building of Your Kingdom, in which peace shall reign forevermore. Amen.

Act of Remembrance:

One: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.

All: **Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.**

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

All: **We will remember them.**

Last Post (*min of silence*) **Rouse**

Offered by: **Charlie**

***Hymn:** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

VU#684

Closing Prayer (unison)

Loving Lord, as we leave this place of worship, we pray that Jesus' dream of peace be realized and Your reign of shalom take root in our hearts. As we continue committing ourselves to the cause of peace, both within our world, and within our lives, may Jesus walk beside us in every step of our journey. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Christ Light

***Song** "God Save the King"

***Choral Benediction** "May the Blessing..." **MV#429**

Postlude

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Screen operators:

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This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Meeting	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Scouting, Guiding & other rentals meet throughout the week.

Mount Royal Announcements:

THANK YOU! To everyone who participated to make our recent Halloween Muffin party such a success. We didn't let the lack of electricity stop the fun and fellowship! Great treats and stories were shared by all.

Lunch with Friends: Thursday, November 16th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until November 10th at 1pm! We will only order the actual number of those who have signed up. If you are unable to attend the lunch after signing up, we encourage you to invite someone to take your place. The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu: Beef Meatloaf (fam for those requiring gluten free), mashed potatoes, peas, Christmas cupcakes & peppermint ice cream. Program: Maple Sugar Band

1st Jones Lake Scouting: Try your first 2 meetings for FREE! ALL Youth Ages 5 - 17 are welcome! Programs Offered: • Beavers (Ages 5 – 7) • Cubs (Ages 8 – 10) • Scouts (Ages 11 – 14) • Venturers (Ages 14 – 17) For more information call / text Daniel @ 864-0028

Bulletin Dedications: If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memory of a loved one or to say thanks or in recognition of a special occasion (eg - birthday, anniversary, graduation...) please contact the office. \$25 is the suggested donation.

Food Donations: We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Alimentaire Peter McKee food bank. Please bring your donations and leave them in the bin at the Bessborough door.



On This Day of Remembrance

On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:
For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

*—a call to worship for Remembrance Day by the **Rev. Dr. Neil Parker**,
military chaplain at the 4th Canadian Division Training Centre in Meaford,
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