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November 5th, 2023 11 am

Service of Remembrance and Commitment to Peace

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all.

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Once I was brave, but I have grown so weary of danger. I am soundless amid the constant sounds of war.

Ada Limón, in “I Have Wanted Clarity in Light of My Lack of Light”

T H E G A T H E R I N G

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Introit: Come Touch Our Hearts, #12 MV v.2

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The measure of a people's heart is this: Do we remember the sacrifices of the past?

People: Do we work for peace in the present? Do we speak of hope for the future?

Leader: Today we stop and remember:

People: The legacy of the past: the courage of many; the price of peace; the freedom.

Leader: Today we stop and remember that peace still takes courage. Let us pray:

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Leader: On this day of remembering, O God, we ask forgiveness for those qualities in us that make war possible.

People: We acknowledge that there are times when we have not sought justice;

Leader: times when we do not seek the ways of peace;

People: times when we believe our way, to be the only way.

Leader: times when we harden our spirits to the suffering of others.

ALL: Forgive us, O God.

CHOIR: *O God Hear My Prayer* (#948 VU)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: There is nothing – absolutely nothing - that can separate us from God’s love! In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are forgiven, our every broken-ness made whole.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: And now we pray in the way of the Prince of Peace, who taught his friends to pray together, saying:

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, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

~Reading of names of those who made the supreme sacrifice & Ringing of the Bell: William Elderkin

~Placing Wreath of Remembrance: David Shirley, Ret'd Master Corporal

~Reading: John McCrae's *In Flanders Fields*: Rod Campbell

Au Champ d'Honneur: Keith Ball

~Act of Remembrance - Rev. Dr. Kelly

Leader: 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.

ALL: We will remember them.

*Silent Remembrance

(as you are able, we will stand for the time of silence. Bill will ring the bell to begin the 2 minutes of silence. He will ring it again, to end the silence.)

Lament: *Flowers of the Forest*

Reading: Bill Elderkin: "Disabled" by Wilfred Owen

HYMN #526 VU Weep For The Dead

T H E W O R D O F G O D

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 2: 1-3, 12-15

ANTHEM: *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Sy Miller/Jill Jackson

SERMON: *Peace: How Long, O Lord?*

HYMN# 684 VU Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

T H E R E S P O N S E

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY: We Give Thee But thine Own #543 VU

We give thee but thine own,

what e'er the gift may be.

All that we have is thine alone,

a trust, O God, from thee.

A PRAYER LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

God of Love, save us from weak resignation to violence.

Teach us that restraint is the highest expression of power;

That thoughtfulness and tenderness are marks of the strong.

Help us to love our enemies, not by recounting their wrongs,

But by remembering our own brokenness, and by recalling our kinship to one another.

May we never for a moment forget that they are fed by the same food,

Hurt by the same weapons,

And have children for whom they have the same high hopes.

Grant us the ability to find joy and strength not in the strident call to arms,

But to join all creation in striving for justice and truth.

May we honour those who have lived through wars, and who yet bear scars in their bodies and spirits.

And grant them peace.

Remind us again, O God, of your call upon our lives.

Light us each day with hope, that we may walk in your truth and be love in your name.

O God, hear our prayer. Amen.

[Adapted from a prayer prepared by a Christian, a Jew, and a Muslim, for the WCC]

***HYMN #436 VU Abide With Me**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING: Go Now In Peace Besig/Price**

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.

A-a-men. A-a-men. A-a-a-men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter This Week: Steve Hayward

Tellers This Week: Dorothy Webster and Meg Simms

Trustee on Duty (Nov): Ann Urquhart

The bulletin today is in memory of our fathers, Naval Veterans WWII Robert Hutcheson and Calvin Campbell by Pam and Rod Campbell.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Nov. 6th - 1:30 pm - Session Meeting

Sat., Nov. 25th - NMUC Online Auction Fundraiser (see over)

Sun., Nov. 26th - 11:00 am – 136th Anniversary Service

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Our 2nd NMUC Online Auction Fundraiser is planned for the week of Saturday November 25th, opening at 9:00am and closing Saturday December 2nd, at 9:00pm.

We need YOUR help to ensure a successful Auction!

How can I help? Please consider items/ services you can donate for auction. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry to note item(s) you wish to donate. There is also a sign-up sheet for those willing to approach local businesses for donations.

Some ideas for Auction items include *household decorative items, Christmas crafts, knitting, quilting, homemade pickles, baking, books, gift cards, gift certificates, services, one night stay at hotel, movie night basket, spa basket, etc. etc.* Auction items must be new or like new and if clothing items, new with tags. Consider items that would be great Christmas gifts!

Items are to be delivered to the Church by Sunday November 19th, so the information for each item can be entered into the *Auction32* platform.

How can I participate? We are looking forward to lots of active bidding when the auction opens November 25th! Share news of our upcoming Auction with family and friends.

For questions, please contact Sheila Power at spower1511@gmail.com or Myrna Belyea-Tracy at myrna.belyea16@gmail.com .

M & S Fundraiser – Toonie Clocks will be collected between **Nov. 12-26th**. Fill them up and bring them in.

The **Men's Club** is pleased to announce that the Salmon Supper realized a profit of \$3680.76 of which \$3000 will be donated to the local budget. Note that there are several pickle jars and apple crisps dishes in the foyer to be picked up. The group would like to again thank all who helped make this supper a success.

Church BBQ – The Church BBQ has reached a point that it needs replacing. It is used for church social events as well as the salmon supper. Before purchasing a new one, the Men's Club would like to reach out to the congregation to determine if anyone has a good BBQ that they no longer need. If so please contact Dave Ward or Keith Ball.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE: For the month of **November**, we will focus on **canned meats (tuna/ham, etc)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

FOREST HILL UNITED CHURCH – Remembrance Day War Time Menu Luncheon - On **Saturday, November 11 from noon to 1:30**, Forest Hill United Church will be serving a luncheon with a war time menu of Baked Beans, Brown Bread and War Cake, Tea, Coffee or Juice. Take-Out meals are available and there are tables if you wish to enjoy your meal in the hall. Libby and Brian Cassidy will be playing war and peace music during the meal. Adults are \$12 and children \$6.00. To order your meals as take out or eat in, please sign up before November 5 at either church entrance, or leave a message at the church office 506-455-0988 or Foresth.office @bellaliant.com.

ST. PAUL'S UCW is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on **Nov. 18th from 9 am to 12 pm**. Come do some Christmas shopping and pick up some tasty baking, crafts, books, puzzles and have a coffee & muffin. Donations gently used items and baking are welcome and can be dropped off at the church Monday-Thursday between 8am-3pm and Friday between 8am-1 pm.