

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 686 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

Commissioning:

As we leave this gathering, may our thoughts, words, and deeds honour those who have gone before us. And may we strive to spread their love, and the love of God, to friend and strangers we meet along our way. Amen!

Benediction

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Thank you for coming to Tecumseh United Church for worship. If you are new to the church, please fill out a Welcome Envelope.

Thanks to Ian Phillips for preparing and leading the service, to Kevin Bunt for sharing his musical talents, to Peter Scott for reading and to Sandy McPherson and Jean Weir for hosting Coffee Hour today. **Hosts are needed for next week.**

Happy Birthday this week to Joan Rieveley and Judy McIntosh



The UCW Fall Quilt Raffle.

A beautiful bird applique twin size quilt is on offer, tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Don't miss out!

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Tecumseh United Church

~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, November 6th, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the

Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

We gather here as individual people,

of all ages, of all genders, abled and differently abled

We gather here as a community of people

who are more than categories

We gather here, each ministering to the other, meeting one another's strengths, encouraging wholeness

We give thanks for this extraordinary blessing.

Here may our minds stretch, our hearts open, our spirits deepen.

Here may we acknowledge our brokenness,

and be ever stirred by love's infinite possibilities. Amen.

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

Opening Prayer:

We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those who work to bring peace to our world.

Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice and peace.

On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God for veterans.

And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their wounds.

And remind us, dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the widower, and the veteran – all know the true cost of war.

Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords -2- become plowshares once more, that war be known only in history books.

And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name.

Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified.

Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace.

We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures.

May we truly be Your people & be makers of peace. Amen.

Hymn MV # 173 "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

Children's Time / Lord's Prayer

Singing the Children Out ~ Hymn # 400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings from the Hebrew Scriptures

The Teachings: (Torah) Exodus 13: 1 - 10

The Prophets: (Nevi'im) Joshua 6: 2 - 5, 14 - 16, 20

The Writings: (Ketuvim) Psalm # 43

****Hymn # 527 "God! As with Silent Hearts"***

Meditation ~ *The Rest of the Story*

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer:

God of all creation, our offerings are given in a spirit of peace, that your kin-dom of peace may rule here on earth. May they be used always to promote harmony, friendship, and unity between all peoples. With them, we dedicate ourselves, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People (by William L. Wallace) /Prayer Book is read

The Last Post (*Kevin Bunt - piper*)

Lament

Moment of Silence

Reveille

****Hymn # 524 "O Canada"***

Prayer for Peace (by Rev. Fran Pratt)

God, we come now to cultivate peace in our hearts

That it may reverberate outward.

We ask that the Peace of Christ,

The peace beyond understanding,

The peace that blesses enemies,

The peace that turns the other cheek,

The peace that leaves vengeance in your hands,

The peace that seeks empathy,

The peace that practices justice and compassion,

The peace that dissolves ego...

This baffling and impossible possibility,

This radical peace,

Would rest upon the whole world now,

At home in our hearts, and abroad.

We do not want to witness more loss of life,

More destruction of homes and livelihoods,

More degradation of land and waterways,

More human suffering.

We do not come to peace lightly.

We know that true peace disrupts violent patterns.

We are not expecting convenience or ease.

And still, we want true peace;

That our nation may know no more war,

And our children inherit no more suffering.

Oh God, put a stop to war before it begins.

Raise up peace in the hearts of warmongers,

Let the egos of the violent be silenced,

And let us move into a more beautiful future;

Our feet firm and confident on the Path of Peace,

Our words and actions rooted in the Peace of Christ.

Amen.