

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada**

**November 8, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Twenty Third After Pentecost**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Central Queens Mission Statement**

**Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.**

**Gathering for Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

There was a person who did such amazing things - said such wonderful things - that great crowds of people followed him everywhere. One day they ask him, "Who are you?" He said, "I am the light."

**Quiet Preparation for Worship** (Bible is brought forward during the quiet time)

**Bible Presentation**

**Introit**

“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

MV #18

### **Call to Worship**

On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray  
**for a world where no one will learn war anymore.**

On the day when the guns once fell silent,  
**we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart, home and nation.**

On this day of hope,  
**we come before you, God,  
to remember all those who gave their lives for freedom.**

In this time of story, song, prayer and worship  
help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.  
Let us worship God.

**Hymn**

“Let There Light”

VU #679

### **Prayer of Approach**

Holy One,  
**Grant that, we who gather here, today  
may pay fitting tribute and honour  
to the memory of those who have died  
in the service of their country.**

May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage  
that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives,  
**we may live only to your glory and to the service of your people.  
May we who desire peace be willing to work for justice.  
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Christ.**

With Jesus, we share in the ancient prayer...

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Psalm 78:1-7**      *We will teach the next generation* VU #792 Part One

### **The Act of Remembrance**

**Hymn**                      "O Canada"

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

### **In Flanders Fields**

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

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

#### **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.**

**Last Post**

**Two Minutes of Silence**

**Reveille**

**Placing of Wreath**

**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.**

**Hymn**                    “God Save the Queen”

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen;  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God,  
We thank you for bringing us together this Remembrance Sunday  
to recall with tenderness and respect  
those who lost their lives from this community

and the many thousands farther afield in the wars  
of the last century.

**We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world  
and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war  
and how we might participate in creating an enduring peace.**

Help us to meet with you in these moments of worship,  
make us ever mindful of your goodness toward us,  
and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others.

As we pray for peace, may it start with peace in our hearts.

*Time of Silent Prayer and Reflection*

**Assurance of God's Love**

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be  
parted, either by death or life,

**Hear our prayers for all this day, and help us to live in love and  
service. Amen.**

**Presentation of Our Gifts**

**Offertory Invitation**

There are opportunities to give every day, certainly through gifts of  
dollars and cents, but also through courageous action, faithful service,  
and loving devotion. Let us share of ourselves and of what God has so  
graciously given. We give as we are able, we give as we are called.

**Offertory**

**Presentation of Offering** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

VU #958

**Offertory 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.**

### **Listening for the Word**

**Micah 4:1–5**      *Spears into pruning hooks*

In days to come  
the mountain of God's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it,  
and many nations shall come and say:  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of our God,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that the Holy One may teach us new ways  
and that we may walk in new paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the MOST HIGH from Jerusalem.  
God shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore;  
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig  
trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the GOD of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
forever and ever.

**John 15:9-17**            *There is no greater love*

"As my ABBA has loved you, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in ABBA God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this so that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because the subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I've learned from my God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of God in my name God will give you. This commandment I give you: that you love one another. "

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Responding to the Word**



Hymn

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

VU #684

## Blessing

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,  
**we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,  
that we might realize 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.**

Go now in peace. **Amen.**

## Postlude