

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

**November 10, 2024**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

**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**

Welcome to this service of remembrance. We have gathered here with gratitude to recognize the sacrifices of our Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP and members of the Regional Police forces who have offered themselves in service to our country. Through world wars and regional conflicts, at home and abroad, they have demonstrated courage, loyalty, integrity, and service to Canada before self. The freedoms we enjoy today would not be possible without them. And so, on this Sunday before the 11th day of the 11th month, we remember them.

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Once there was someone who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him, "Who are you?" He replied, "I am the Light."

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

**Bible Presentation**

**\*Introit** "Gather Us In" MV #7 (repeat)

**\*Call to Worship**

Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD,  
**for God keeps faith with us forever.**

Praise God who brings justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**We will praise the One who lifts up all those who bear heavy burdens.**

God will reign in mercy and righteousness for all generations.

**Let us praise the LORD with our lips and honour God with our lives. Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn** "For the Healing of the Nations" VU #678

**Prayer of Approach**

**God of justice and peace,  
we gather at this solemn time of year,  
aware of the costliness of human history.  
In the face of hostility between nations and neighbours,  
you have come to us in Jesus Christ,  
carrying no sword, calling us to serve as peace makers.  
In this time of worship, renew in us the hope  
that you will turn swords into ploughshares,**

**and lead the world you love away from making war for pride or profit.**

**By the power of your Spirit,  
renew your promise of peace with justice for all your peoples.  
May it be so.**

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.**

### **Act of Remembrance**

**\*Hymn**

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VU #524

**Roll Call of Those Who Died in the Wars: George Mason (please call)**

**Boer War (1899-1902)**

**World War I (1914-1918)**

**World War II (1939-1945)**

## **Korean War (1950 – 1953)**

**Placing of the Wreath:** Placed by Kim Rodd

**The Response:** They shall not grow old,  
as we that are left grow old.  
**At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning, we will remember them.**

**The Last Post**

**Two minutes of Silence**

**Reveille**

**\*God Save the King**

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of justice and mercy,  
we confess that the world around us is in a mess.  
Nations turn disputes over territory into acts of aggression.  
Old enemies stir up conflict with their rivals.  
Threats of violence keep us all on edge.  
We confess we have not learned from  
past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations  
and neighbours.  
Forgive us, and lead us in a better way.**

*Silent Prayer and Reflection*

**Words of Assurance**

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Friends, through God's mercy, our sin is forgiven, go and learn from our past. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Offertory Invitation**

Each day of our lives we are presented with opportunities to respond to God's love and give of ourselves in faithful service. There are many ways to give, each according to our own abilities, with all gifts working together for the sake of the mission and ministry entrusted to us by God. You are now invited to give, as you are able, to support the work of this community of faith.

**Offertory**      "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"      VU #541

### **\*Presentation of Offering**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Generous God, we offer our gifts to you with gratitude. We ask that you receive them and bless them, so that through them we may serve others, spreading hope and making your love visible to all. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Word**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

O God, as we turn to listen for your Word, send your Spirit among us. Open our ears to your truth. Open our minds to your challenge, and move our hearts to live out that challenge in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

### **Micah 4:1-5**

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD'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 the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He 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 LORD 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.

## **Psalm 127 (VU p. 851)**

### **Mark 12:38–44**

As he taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

### **Responding to the Word**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

God of all the ages past, hope of years to come:

We gather in this season of remembrance,  
grateful that you hold each one of us in your memory and your  
mystery, now and for all the time to come.

Today we remember all those who have served to uphold justice  
and freedom in the wars of the last century,  
in conflicts of our own generation,  
and in peace keeping and relief efforts around the world.  
Especially we pray for those who have died in this service  
and for those who carry scars on body and soul, having returned  
from conflict.

We remember their courage  
and we pray for their families who still ache for lives surrendered  
at great cost.

(Silence.)

Faithful God,  
**remember them now and for all the time to come.**

O God, we remember before you the victims of current conflicts,  
hiding in forgotten corners of the world, longing for safety and  
peace... (silence.)

We remember victims of violence in our own country,  
still fearful and uncertain about what the future holds for them...  
(silence)

Give us the courage to speak out for their protection and  
recovery.

Faithful God,  
**remember them now and for all the time to come.**

O God, we remember those around us who carry on  
under the burden of sad and hard memories;



those weighed down by grief, disappointment, anger,  
pain and loss.

*(silence)*

Inspire us to offer a listening ear and an understanding heart  
whenever we can.

Faithful God,  
**remember them now and for all the time to come.**

O God, we remember those around us who struggle to remember  
day by day; those who fear forgetting those who matter most to  
them, and those who face the fear of being forgotten.  
Help us remember to reach out in comfort and support  
so that no one is forgotten.

Faithful God,  
**remember them now and for all the time to come.**

God of all the ages past, hope of years to come,  
help us remember you day by day.  
Strengthen us to be disciples of your gospel  
so that hope is renewed in our lives, your church and the world.  
Amen.

**\*Hymn**            “God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”            VU #676

**\*Blessing**

Jesus said, Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called  
children of God.  
Go as God’s children, to bring peace into the lives you encounter  
this week.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Choral Benediction**

“Go Now in Peace”

VU #964

**Postlude**