

# St. James United Church

November 10, 2019/Remembrance Sunday/Communion

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St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## O CANADA

## WELCOME

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** (One) The Christ Candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *In Flanders Fields* by Eleanor Daley

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Through every generation, through times of hope and times of fear, through times of war and times of peace,

**All: You are with us, O God.**

One: In the chaos of war, in the search for answers,

**All: You are with us, O God.**

One: When we pause in the midst of our busy lives, and remember those who suffered and those who died for peace;

**All: when we pray to You, saying: "Your kingdom come" You are with us O God.**

One: Come, let us praise and worship the God who leads us to peace.

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) God of peace, we gather today to remember the loss of so many through the horrors of war. This sacred task of remembrance calls us to ensure that the scourge of war must end. Through remembrance, we understand what is truly lost when nations resort to war. So let this day of remembrance be an inspiration to our witness. Let us prepare the way for Your vision of peace revealed to us by Your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

## **CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**HYMN:** *Walk with Me* 649

## **OFFERTORY INVITATION**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY CHORUS:** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As You love may I love, in receiving and in giving,  
Spirit, open my heart.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (together) Loving and gracious God, accept these gifts that we offer. May they contribute toward a world that is more forgiving, more loving, more just and more peaceful. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** *Do not stand and my grave and weep* Choir  
from Requiem by Eleanor Daley

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

## **MEDITATION**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:** (One) God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (together) God of peace, we have not always remembered the sacrifice of those who went before us. We have not always honoured them. When they said, "*Never again,*" we did not listen. We did not answer Your call to pursue peace in this world. Forgive us we pray. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**A NEW CREED** 918

**HYMN:** *Long Ago and Far Away* MV195

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(Please follow the congregation communion liturgy.)

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:** (together) God of great mystery, we have shared in Your feast, not only with those who gather in this place this morning, we also share this Holy Communion with sisters, brothers, and siblings around the world. A range of languages and smiles have praised You, O God, from all around the earth. Unite us to one another. Recommit us to Your cause. May Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 575

**SENDING FORTH:** (One) Our Holy God, in great love, works with us to hold people safe here in this place, in Canada and around the world. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes to God's justice, peace and love at work in the world.

## **BLESSING**

*(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)*

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

*St. James United Church Life and Work, November 10, 2019*

**We offer our condolences to** Maude Lake, Jean & Paul Thompson, Bruce & Joan Winsor, their family and friends, on the passing of Maude's beloved husband Ben on November 3. His funeral took place from St. James last Wednesday.

**We offer our condolences to** Jan Winsor, her family and friends, on the passing of Jan's dear sister Beth on November 4. Her funeral took place from St. James last Friday.

**Many, many thanks from the UCW!** Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who supported our Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Nov. 2nd. We are grateful to our members, the congregation, friends and the church staff who so willingly helped in many ways to make it a success. Our proceeds, approximately \$5,100, will help our church continue its good works.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of** brother, Flight Lieutenant Joseph P. Pike, RAF, DFM, (Distinguished Flying Medal) from Len & Melba Pike

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\*to the General Fund in loving memory of:**

\*parents Marg & Ted Giannou from Karen

\*Blanche Hollett from Graham Verge

**\*to the AOTS Men's Choir** in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish from Darlene Stone

**\*to the General Fund in loving memory of Ben Lake from:**

\*Aubrey & Ruby Hill

\*Wayne & Madeline Rideout  
\*Gary & Gloria Gosse  
\*Graham Verge

**\*to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Ben Lake from Harold & Betty Grandy

**\*to Project Grace** in loving memory of a dear friend, Ben Lake, from David & Dot Hapgood

**\*to our Sunday School/Youth** in loving memory of Ben Lake from:  
Florence Sanna  
Linda B. Braine

**\*to Bridges To Hope** in loving memory of Blanche Hollett from Marina Adams

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	Givings: October 20: \$3,536
	October 27: \$3,224
	November 3: \$3,168

**Monday, November 11:** The church office is closed and Susan's *'Loose Threads'* Sewing Studio cancelled.

**Tuesday, November 12 at 2pm: Pleasant View Towers Worship Service.** Volunteers are asked to meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

**Wednesday November 13:** Friendship Group starts with lunch at 1pm.

**Next Saturday, November 16 at 10am-noon:** Tech Time in the Fellowship Room. Bring your electronics along for assistance in solving the many mysteries hidden in today's gadgets.

**Next Saturday, November 16 at 6pm:** Community Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

**Saturday November 23rd 10:00 am – 2:30 pm:** Christmas is in the air and we are looking for your help to decorate the church Sanctuary. All ages welcome and this is a great family event. Hope you can join us.

**The next Stewardship Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

**The popular Palestinian** olive oil, dates and seasoning are again available for purchase from Karen Brown, 689-7297.

**Did you usher over the summer?** If you find your usher pin at home, please return it to the usher closet or the church office!

### **Bethlehem Market**

**November 30, 2019, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The Church Council, with the help of the congregation, has decided to start the Advent Season with a Bethlehem Market on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. This will take place in the Sanctuary and the basement of the church. We are asking the congregation to help us with volunteering to donate the items below or volunteering your time. Please read the list below and sign up for what you can help us out with. If you require more information please call SuAn at the church office at 722-1881 ext. 200, or see Jean Thompson or Marilyn Adams on Sunday morning.

Please fill out the sheet and either place it in the collection plate or drop it off at the church by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Items Requesting:**

- Items for Bake Sale
- 12 to 15 pots of Soup (enough for 10-15 people) - beef and turkey
- 150 Dinner Rolls
- 6 dozen Hot Dog Rolls
- 8 dozen Muffins
- 17 dozen Cookies
- Items for Craft Sale
- Volunteer to help set up Friday Evening
- Volunteer to help during the Market on Saturday
- Volunteer to clean up after the Market

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Item (s) Donating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for Mission & Service support theological education in 7 theological schools, including Emmanuel College in Toronto, Ontario which offers The United Church of Canada ministry training degrees and interfaith programs in Muslim studies and Buddhist studies. These programs have created a more enriched program of study and diversity in the student population. Captain Barbara Helms was enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as a chaplain of the Muslim tradition in October 2017. She will be serving with the 30th Field Artillery Regiment (33 Canadian Battle Group, 4th Canadian Division). She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree specializing in Muslim chaplaincy, offered through the University of Toronto, the Toronto School of Theology, and Emmanuel College. Thanks to your gifts to Mission & Service, the college has implemented inter-faith programs such as Islamic Studies. Padre Helms has been involved in teaching, community outreach, youth ministry, hospital pastoral care, and inter-faith dialogue. She is grateful for the opportunity to be the first female Muslim chaplain, and finds that military chaplaincy is a place where she can serve her regimental family.

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