



**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MELFORT ETHELTON PASTORAL CHARGE**

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Scripture Readers: Judy Meier, Gale Strachan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**November 10, 2019
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Year C
[REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE]**

WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

As we gather for worship today we acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory. We honour the Cree and Métis people for whom this place has been a homeland for thousands of years. We respect the sacredness of our home and the ground on which we walk and we are grateful to gather here in peace and hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNIVERSARIES & CONCERNS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

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

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

And so, let echo the old prayers - make us channels of your peace.

In that spirit, let us join our hearts in song.

HYMN (VU 684) *"Make me a channel of your peace"*

OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God,

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 county.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN (MV 120) *"My soul cries out"*

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE:

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).

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE (MV 115)

"Behold, behold I make all things new"

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN:

HYMN (MV 149) *"Peace for the children"*

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE:

HYMN (VU 524) *"O Canada"*

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and those whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind (*the list of those to be remembered by name is read*): by Lorne Anderson

SYMBOLS OF REMEMBRANCE:

(Wreath, flowers or crosses, etc.).

(An Older Person says):

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

(A younger person replies):

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

ALL AFFIRM:

We will remember them.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Ever-living God, we remember those
whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace
of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples and
establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

HEBREW READING:

MICAH 4:1-5:

*Instruments of war will be turned into
instruments of peace.*

EPISTLE READING:

ROMANS 8:31-19:

More than conquerors.

GOSPEL READING:

JOHN 15:9-17:

Love one another as I have loved you.

SERMON:

OUR RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

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.

OFFERING:

OFFERTORY HYMN (VU 541)

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE:

Living Lord, in a dark hour you spoke of the gift of peace, we seek that gift for ourselves. Grant us, we pray, the inner serenity which you alone can give that we may become messengers of peace to a strife-torn world.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

We pray for all who suffer for their fidelity to the calling to be your witnesses; all who suffer for trying to live by the truth they have received and all who are slandered, ill-treated, falsely imprisoned or tortured. Crucified and risen Lord, may they, sharing your anguish, know that they will also share your victory. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

We pray for all who suffer as a result of the wickedness and folly of others. We especially pray for those who suffer from the breakdown of law and order, or from the absence of just and humane laws and are thus denied the freedom to realise their birthright as your children on this earth. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

We pray for those who are fighting injury, disfigurement, death, their constant companions; nerves and bodies strained beyond endurance, the streams of compassion drying up within them, their only goal the destruction of the 'enemy'. Whatever the colour of their skin - we pray for them. Whatever the sound of their tongue we pray for them. Whatever the insignia they wear –

we pray for them. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

We pray for all those who have been broken in battle; for those who weep and for those who can no longer weep; for those who feel the anguish and for those who have lost the capacity to feel, for all prisoners and for all jailers; for those who exist in war-torn lands and for those who no longer have a homeland. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

We pray for all those who stir up strife; for all who make a profit out of the misery of others; for all who are led into vice as they seek a momentary forgetfulness; and for all who believe that war is inevitable. We bring to you particular needs as we remember those who have died. Lord, we pray that you may hold us fast amid all the evils of this world that at the last we may enter into the peace and joy of your kingdom. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Give peace in our hearts, O Lord.

Grace and mercy, righteousness and truth have come to us from God. Jesus has declared it, and the Spirit has made it known. The light shines, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

SENDING FORTH

HYMN (VU 602) *"Bless be the tie that binds"*

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

Having gathered, remembered, heard, given, and prayed,
we ask, Almighty God, for your blessing,

and for 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. Amen.**

CHORAL BLESSING *"My peace"* - G. Routledge

PRAYER RESOURCES:

**(united-church.ca/worship-special-days/remembrance-day);*

*The United Church of Canada Worship for All Seasons II,
Selections from Gathering (Year C), and Pentecost. 2 2019*

Year C Gathering Resources for Worship Planners.

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NEXT WEEK'S (NOVEMBER 17, 2019) READINGS:

Matthew 18:2-6

Proverbs 31:8-9

Luke 10:25-37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome:

Welcome to worship here today. Whether you are worshipping with us today for the first time or you have been here before or longer than you can remember, you are welcome to be here and to participate however you feel comfortable. Sometimes you may be invited to stand and you want to stay sitting, or you might feel comfortable standing but no one else is. Do what feels right and comfortable for you.

We each bring something of ourselves to worship, and it enhances the experience for each of us. Regardless of your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is, God,

through us, welcomes you to worship.

Please remember to sign our guest book at the entrance of the church, and stay back for a cup of coffee and conversation at the CE Centre immediately following the service.

THIS WEEK AT MELFORT UNITED CHURCH

Wednesday, November 13th

@ 7 pm – Choir

Thursday, November 14th

@ 10:30 – Bible Study

@ 4:15 – Bell Choir

Saturday, November 17th

@ 7 pm - Scott Woods Show

Rev. Emmanuel's Office Hours & Contact Information

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Office Number: 306.752.4312 Cell Number: 306.930.4093

For emergency pastoral care call 306.930.4093

Confirmation / Transfer or Applying for Membership

If you want your child to be confirmed or you wish to transfer or apply for membership in our church, please contact the church office or a member of the Membership Committee.

Changes to Contact Information

If you've changed your address or phone number please advise the Church Office so that we can keep your information current.

Thank you!

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Thank you to the Women Alive UCW for organizing the Church pie sale and to all those volunteers that baked the pies.

We made \$858.00.

Remembrance Day Service – November 11th, 2019

The Royal Canadian Legion Melfort Branch #30 Remembrance Day Service will be held in the

G. T. Anderson Auditorium of M.U.C.C.

On MONDAY, November 11th, 2019 Starting at 10:45 am.

Galapagos Adventure – Anne McIntosh

You're all invited to attend Anne's presentation on her recent trip the Galapagos. It is on Tuesday, November 19th at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

It is being hosted by Women Alive.

Come and Go Tea – November 23rd, 2019

There is a Come and Go Tea on Saturday, November 23rd to celebrate Iris Kaminskas' 80th Birthday. It is from 2 – 4 pm in the CE Centre. All are welcome!

Music, Music, Music – Don't Miss a Sunday!!!

November 17th – "Celebrate this Day Together"

- Ciereau/Bergen

November 24th – "The Journey" – E. Harris

Renewal time for your subscription for the Broadview

Stop by the office by December 12th to pay the \$25 annual subscription fee.

FundScrip

The next FundScrip order date will be Thursday, December 5th. The order will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 12th. This will be the last FundScrip order in time for Christmas.

Winter Newsletter

Please submit your report/submission for the winter newsletter by November 27th; either to the office or by email to melfortuc@sasktel.net. Thank you.

Old Time Country Christmas - The Scott Woods Band

Saturday, November 16th @ 7pm

Adult \$30, Child (age 6–12) \$15

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Children 5 & under free
Purchase Tickets (cash only) at:
George Home Hardware, Backstage Music
or at the Melfort United Church
For Visa/MasterCard call the
Scott Woods Band Office @ 1.855.726.8896

Christmas Tea & Bazaar

December 7th, 2019

Christian Education Centre, 2 – 4 pm

There is a box on the CE stage for your donations
to the “New To You” Table.

A volunteer signup sheet will be on the easel in the CE foyer
next week.

Stewardship Seconds

*Let us be joyful stewards of all God has entrusted to
us.*