

KNOX REMEMBRANCE & PEACE SUNDAY

November 5, 2023 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude: “Poco Allegretto”

Cesar Franck

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

Call to Worship

On the Remembrance and Peace Sunday, come and experience how poppies blow in silent fields, how silence dwells in empty streets and how war does not end with a pen or a parade. Come and hear how God brings peace, hope and Holy Love into the silence, the emptiness and loss. Come and experience how the Christ Candle reminds us that the light of Christ shines on the road to peace and illuminates our most difficult hours. Come and worship in the Spirit of Remembrance, Life, Love and Possibility. **Amen**

WE REMEMBER THE STORY

Remembrance Litany

For the Fallen

Names on the Knox Roll

Poem: “In Flanders Fields”

John McCrae

The Last Post

Two Minute Silence

The Alert

Candle Lighting Litany

We light this first candle to remember all those who have died or carry the scars of war and violence. **We remember.**

We light this second candle to remember all those who have died or carry the scars of fighting for peace. **We remember.**

We light this third candle to remember all those who have lost friends and loved ones to war, violence and hate. **We remember.**

We light this fourth candle to remember all military and civilian victims of modern-day conflicts and pray for peace and the hope of new life for all of creation. **Make us instruments of peace.**

Prayer of Hope (*together*)

Holy One of Peace, we know that you long for a world without war and violence where only love and peace abounds. We know that too often hatred and greed overwhelm our world and our lives. Your creation seems lost, broken and in chaos. Too often it seems difficult to live in peace according to your will. Stir the memories of your goodness and love in every age, that we might learn your ways of peace. Heal and guide us as we work for peace in our homes, our communities, and our world. Make us avenues of your peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

♪↑ **Hymn of Response:** “Let there be peace on earth”

SFGP 128

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
with God, our creator, children all are we;
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now,
with ev’ry step I take
let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

WE ENGAGE THE STORY

♪+ **Hymn of Illumination: “Open Our Hearts”**

MV 21

**Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.**

Scripture Reading: Gospel – Matthew 25: 1-13

ONE: Hear what the Scripture is saying to the church.

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem: “Call to Remembrance”

composed by J. Varley Roberts, 1909

Reflection: ‘Living With Memory and Hope’

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

We light this first candle as our symbol of hope that one day weapons of war will be turned into farm implements and war will cease.

Transform us into instruments of peace.

We light this second candle as our symbol of love to remind us that the Holy One commands us to reconcile one to another.

Transform us into instruments of peace.

We light this third candle as our symbol of commitment to remind us that we must always be prepared to follow our call to bring peace to the world.

Transform us into instruments of peace and light.

We light this fourth candle as our symbol that we believe that Jesus is the Light of the World and that his Light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never put it out.

Transform us into inextinguishable Light.

♪↑ **Offering Hymn: “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”**

VU 537

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

In thanks and praise to the Holy One, whose love for us is mirrored in the lives of all who have struggled to live faithfully and as an expression of love for God and all of our sisters and brothers, young and old, rich and poor, and in remembrance of all the meals that Jesus shared with followers and sinners, we invite all to feast in joy, harmony and renewal.

Call to Give Thanks:

ONE: The Holy One is here.

ALL: **God is here among us.**

ONE: Let us open our hearts to God.

ALL: **We open them to God and to one another.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Thanksgiving:

Loving God, Source of all we thank and praise you with our lips and with our lives, that, having created us and all things through your Word, you welcome our prayer and praise. For the goodness of creation, and the glory of redemption, we praise you. For the law of holiness, and the unique gifts and talents you offer each of us, we praise you. For all that you provide for us and all of your children, we praise you. Therefore, with all the faithful of every time and place, we join in this hymn of praise and thanksgiving...

♪+ **Song of Creation: “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

MV 203

Remembering Jesus at Table:

Let us remember together that vision of God’s reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

On the night in which betrayal took place, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and spoke to those gathered:

This is the bread of new life. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then after supper, Jesus took the cup saying:

This cup is the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

We delight to remember in the sharing of this bread and cup. We know that Jesus, the Risen Christ is amongst us always through the Spirit of Love and Grace.

Prayer of Self Giving: *(together)*

By this bread and cup, we remember Christ, and share in the mystery of God’s being, God’s purpose, our being, and our purpose. This day we present our very lives to God, committed to service and lives of love as we proclaim the mystery of faith...

♪+ **Affirmation of Memory and Hope:** “Memorial Acclamation” MV 204

Silent Prayers for Ourselves and Others

♪+ **The Lord’s Prayer *(sung)*** VU 960

**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 them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Transformation

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup may be the body of Christ. Unite us at this table and strengthen us to live resurrected lives in Christ, always sharing our gifts and talents as vassals of light, love, and new life in your name. May we always proclaim:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most Holy, now, and forever.

♪+ **Great Amen:** “Great Amen” MV 205

Sharing the Bread and the Cup:

ONE: The gifts of God for the people of God

ALL: **Amen**

Distribution:

Servers’ Words: The Bread of Life; The Cup of Love

Response: Amen or Thanks be to God.

Meditative Music: “Partita on St. Anne”

Paul Manz

Prayer after Communion: *(together)*

Holy One, we give thanks bread broken brings wholeness and wine poured out renewal. May we, who have shared table, go forth knowing that time spent with you and one another is gift and new life. May we live in Christ’s risen life, bringing new life to others and giving light to the world always. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

♪↑ **Hymn:** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

VU 684

WE GO FORTH

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** “Walk with Me” (Chorus x2)

VU 649

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through. *(repeat)*

♪↑ **Closing:** “Threefold Amen”

VU 967

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: “Festival Finale”

Malcolm Archer

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Land Acknowledgment:

We acknowledge we worship on the unceded territories of the x_wm_əθk_wəy'əm_ (Musqueam), S_kw_x_wú7mesh (Squamish), and Sel'il_witulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to relating with them as covenant people of God as we continue to care for this land together.

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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Title: 'Living With Memory and Hope'

Text: Matthew 25: 1-13

Synopsis: We are living with one foot in each time and place. We live with the memories of war and hate on one side and the vision and hope of peace and unity on the other side. The ways of the world on one side and the ways of God on the other. Our lives are made up of and include both all mixed up together. As disciples and followers we are caught in the middle of these two realities but are called to choose God. We are called to have the oil of life in our lives so that we can keep going no matter what. God invites us to be ready for the greatest party of all when Christ comes again.

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Ernest McKinnon

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P. H. G. Vincent

R. A. Wilson



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.