

Stouffville United Church
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Sunday November 5, 2023
Remembrance Day Sunday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Chorus: Trust In God (feat. Chris Brown & Isaiah Templeton) | Elevation Worship
(Lisa, Marlene, Jim, Reid and Rev John)

Lighting the Christ Candle

Canadian National Anthem: O Canada

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.

Call to Worship

L: Place your trust in the Lord, for God will provide.

P: There are times when we are so fearful.

L: Place your trust in the Lord, for God is with you.

P: There are times when we wonder if we can get past our troubles.

L: Come, place your trust in the Lord, every day, in all your ways.

P: Lord, we come to you, seeking your healing love and mercy. AMEN.

Hymn: Eternal Father, Strong to Save (*Traditional Navy Hymn*) - tune is 659 (VU) we will be singing the original words as found below

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Lord God of peace and love, we remember with sadness the pain and suffering of war. We remember those who are suffering this minute because of past wars or present wars. We also remember the smaller wars that happen within communities, among friends, within families, within ourselves. We pray for peace. We pray for courage to be

peacemakers, and when we fail, remind us of your grace and forgiveness which encourages to start again. We pray for the day when your love is alive in every heart, in every corner of the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not counting our trespasses against us. Therefore be assured and believe you are loved and you are forgiven.

Music Ministry: *Abide with Me*

A Time Of Silence:

Offertory

Offertory Doxology

Offertory Prayer (Unison)

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen. (Revelation 7:9-17)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: *Joshua 5:13-6:5*

Last Post

Lament

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Hymn: O Valiant Hearts (*Traditional Army Hymn*)

Video

Sermon: The Valour and the Horror"

Prayers of the People

The 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
Forever and ever. Amen

Hymn: The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended (*Traditional Air Force and Tri-Service Hymn*) - tune is 437(VU) words are 438 (VU) as well found below

Blessing

Closing Response

The Royal Anthem: "God Save the King"

*God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King
God save the King
Send him victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save the King*

Music Postlude

Eternal Father Strong to Save: William Whiting (1825-1878) wrote the lyrics, in 1860, as a poem for a student about to sail for America. Tyew music "Melita," by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) was written in 1860. Dykes named the tune after a locale associated with a Biblical shipwreck. Melita was the island the Apostle Paul reached after his ship went down (Acts 28:1); today known as Malta.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your children shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

O Valiant Hearts

Written by Sir John Stanhope Arkwright to remember the fallen of the First World War, 'O Valiant Hearts' was published in *The Supreme Sacrifice, and other Poems in Time of War* (1919). It is usually sung to a tune composed by the Reverend Dr Charles Harris, but other composers including **Vaughan Williams** have also set the words to music.

1. O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

2. Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

3. Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.

4. Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self same way.

5. Still stands His cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;

Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

6. These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of sacrifice.

7. O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893

Music: Clement Cottevill Scholefield

Tune: ST. CLEMENT, **Meter:** 98.98

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended;
thy praise shall hallow now our rest.

2. We thank thee that thy church,
unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor die the strains of praise away.

4. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away.
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.