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Our Mission as a congregation: Love the Lord Your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy and love your neighbour as yourself. (Mark 12:19-21 MSG)

November 8, 2020 - Remembrance Sunday

### GOD BRINGS US TOGETHER

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2:4)

God shall judge between the nations,

**and shall arbitrate for many peoples;**

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 any more.**

Prayer of Approach (responsive)

God of all peoples, there is much we would like to forget.

**Behind us lie times of violence and war and**

**we live in times of uncertainty and fear.**

Some days we want to turn a blind eye and

pretend that everything is fine and always has been.

**Yet we know that to be your people we must see the reality**

**of what has gone on and what is happening now.**

Open our eyes and open our hearts

**for we have come in Jesus' name, Amen.**

### GOD IS WITH US AS WE REMEMBER

"O Canada"

Michèle Ashby

The Last Post and Silence

Lament

Scott Williams

Rouse

Placing of the Wreath

Captain Tim Hinds

Prayer for Remembrance (together)

**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  
and bring about harmony among the nations,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.**

Children's Story and Lord's Prayer

Meditative Music

### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH SCRIPTURE

First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Anthem *In Flanders' Fields*

Michèle Ashby

Sermon "Remembering More"

### GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

Meditative Music

Prayers of the People

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

**A warm welcome** to everyone who is joining us for worship. May this be a time for you to draw closer to God. The services online will be posted each week on our website and through social media.

**This Remembrance Sunday bulletin** is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of *the Hinds, Ashby, Morton and Jones Veterans* by Tim Hinds and Michèle Ashby. We will remember them.

**Because of the social distancing requirements** our available seating in the sanctuary for in person worship is limited so please contact the church office earlier in the week at 902-863-2001 if you plan to attend on Sunday morning.

**Connections** - It's time for the St. James United family to think about the Christmas edition of Connections. So much has changed, yet our spirit and connectedness to the church remains strong. If you are uncertain about whether or not your idea would be appropriate for the newsletter, why not give me (Brenda Rose) a call at 902-867-1587 or drop me an email at [brendaannerose@gmail.com](mailto:brendaannerose@gmail.com) I would love to hear from you.

**As we navigate through this unusual year**, we have seen many changes in the way St James delivers and funds its Ministry. Moving to online services, restrictions in the number of people who can attend in person on Sunday, the loss of our Stump Frolic and rental income, as well as the cost of Covid 19 compliance have all impacted the finances at St James. At the end of September, we find ourselves in a deficit situation of more than \$28,000 and with the unknowns that face us over the next couple of months, the Finance and Stewardship Committee is quite concerned about a shortfall at the end of 2020.

To help ensure the programs and ministry at St. James will continue without disruption we ask that you consider making a special donation. Envelopes are available in the pew and may be used for this special offering appeal. While we welcome your response to this appeal at any time, donations made before November 30th will help us better plan for the new year.

Thank you and God Bless.  
Your Finance and Stewardship Committee

**Truth & Reconciliation – Call #56 National Council for Reconciliation** – We call upon the prime minister of Canada to formally respond to the report of the National Council for Reconciliation by issuing an annual "State of Aboriginal Peoples" report, which would outline the government's plans for advancing the cause of reconciliation.

**A Notice from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59-** There will not be a Public Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph this year. A Remembrance Day Service will be video-taped and made available on the Legion's Facebook site and Youtube Channel. On November 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a shortened Private Service at the Cenotaph by invitation only.

RCL Branch 59 on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Branch059events>

**Outreach and Communications** - When you leave today please think of those you haven't seen in a long time and reach out with a phone call.

#### **Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

Judges 4:1-7 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30