



St. Thomas United Church  
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

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**Sunday, November 12, 2017, 10:00am**  
**Theme: Remembrance Sunday**

† Indicates stand as you are able  
**Bold** indicates participation by the people

**MV** = More Voices  
**VU** = Voices United

**We Gather With**

PRELUDE: *Kari Orosz – “Theme from Schindler’s List”*  
– by John Williams

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Quartet (Erin, Dmetri, Kari, Mike): - "In Remembrance" - from  
*Requiem* by Eleanor Daley

O Canada

Last Post – Dick Worton

Two Minutes of Silence

Piper’s Lament – Kristin Morton

Reveille – Dick Worton

God Save the Queen

WELCOME to our Livestream Worship Service

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY 7 LAND

*A wicker prayer basket will be sent around. If you have a prayer request, please print clearly on a prayer slip, place it in the wicker basket, and pass the basket along.*

## REMEMBRANCE POEM

*"In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918) Canadian Army*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## CHRIST CANDLE & SILENCE - *Sandra Burgess*

They shall not grow old, as we who 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.

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.  
Amen

(select verses) "For the Fallen" Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

"O Valiant Hearts", Songs of Praise hymn book 1925 & 1931

Words by Sir John Stanhope Arkwright (1872-1954)

Music by the Rev. Dr. Charles Harris, Vicar of Colwall, Herefordshire 1909-1929

CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Responsive)**

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance, **remembering fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

Let us begin our worship with a moment of thanksgiving, **thanking God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship without fear.**

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence, for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their lives.

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER: *(Leader)*

Loving and forgiving God, at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear, and pain of war. Come gently into our worship today that we may know your peace – not the peace of violence ignored and fear repressed - but the true peace of injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. Amen

✠HYMN: *God! As with Silent Hearts*

**VU#527**

SCRIPTURE: *Joshua 4:1-7 & Job 19:23-27*

*Reader: Jan Mingo*

One: This is the witness of The Church,

**Many: thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *The Strummers – “Highway of Heroes”*

*– by Bob Reid*

CHILDREN’S TIME: *Remembrance and Toonies*

*(Children and Youth are invited to join with their leaders at one of the entrances to the Sanctuary.)*

THE MESSAGE: *“Engraved Forever in Rock”*

✠HYMN: *Abide with Me (vv. 1,2,&5)*

**VU#436**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *EDGE Social Innovation Challenge*

INVITATION TO OPEN HANDS

OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN HANDS

with our Offerings & Prayers.

✠OFFERTORY: *God of All Good (v. 1)*

**VU#539**

*(sung to the tune of Abide with Me VU#436)*

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER: **(Unison)**

**Forgiven and freed, we live by love, and in love bring our offerings to you, O God. Multiply these gifts to build justice, make community, and spread your love and peace where there is little now. Amen**

CALL TO PRAYER: *Come Touch Our Hearts (vv. 2&4)*

**MV#12**

PASTORAL PRAYERS (Leader) & PRAYER OF JESUS

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION: **(Responsive)**

As we go let us know: the love that overcomes pain;

**the peace that promises freedom;**

and the ones who work for an end to violence.

**In all that we do may our faith be fulfilled through action, as it is through remembrance. Amen.**

✠HYMN: *Nearer, My God, to Thee (vv. 1,2,&5)*

**VU#497**

POSTLUDE: *Kari Orosz*

We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's worship service a reality.