

Applewood United Church
an Affirming Congregation
Sunday, November 9, 2025
Remembrance Sunday
(*please stand in body or in spirit)
Bold words are for all to share

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgement and Announcements

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Centering Music: "Come and Fill our Hearts" MV 16

* Call to Worship: *(responsive)*

One: On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray

All: for a world where no one will learn war anymore.

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

All: we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart, home and nation.

One: On this day of hope,

All: we come before you, God, to remember all those who gave their lives so we could be free.

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

**All: And so, let echo the old prayers—
make us channels of your peace.**

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

Hymn: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" VU 684

*Opening Prayer: *(responsive)*

One: Almighty God,

**All: 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 country.**

One: May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives,

All: 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.

Prayer for Reflection and Revelation: "The Ordinary People"

Musical response: "The Kingdom of God" MV 146

A Time to Remember

In Flanders Fields

A Moment of Silence

Words of Remembrance:

One: They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.

**All: Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.**

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

All: We will remember them.

Laying our Poppies in Respect and Remembrance

Scripture readings:

Micah 4:1-5 *The Inclusive Bible*

John 15:9-17 *The Inclusive Bible*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "Instrument of Peace"

Reflection: Remembering

*Hymn: "My Soul Cries Out" MV 120 verses 1 and 4

Time for Stewardship

Offering of Music: "Song of Peace"

* **Hymn of Dedication:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

* Offering Prayer (*responsive*)

One: 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.

**All: May real and lasting change start now, with us, through us, and with God's blessing.
Amen**

Prayers of the People

Sung response: "Give Peace to Ev'ry Heart" MV 86

The Lord's Prayer (said)

* Closing Hymn: "When Hands Reach Out" MV 169

* Commissioning/Benediction

* Sung Blessing: "Go Now in Peace" VU 964

Music for Scattering

Parts of our service today were written in collaboration by United Church of Canada military chaplains Captain (Rev.) Audrey Brown and Captain (Rev.) Tyler Powell

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