

Lest We Forget

LAKE OF BAYS PASTORAL CHARGE

Knox, Dorset– 9:00 a.m.

Stewart Memorial, Dwight – 10:15 a.m.

Pioneer, Hillside– 11:30 a.m

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Remembrance Sunday, November 5, 2023

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WE GATHER

Welcome, Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of the Land

Call to Worship:

Come people of God

bring all that you are to this holy gathering

We come with hope to this sacred community of love,

Come all who long for God's healing and wholeness

We come trusting that God desires the blossoming of each tender soul

We come with deep longing and desire for God's Wisdom within our suffering world.

Opening Hymn: **O God We Call VU #411**

O God we call, O God we call.

from deep inside we yearn.

**From deep inside we yearn,
From deep inside we yearn for you.**

Prayer of Approach (unison)

O God of our hope and our longing
You are the Source and Ground of all that exists
You have been present and active
from the beginning of time
You are present in this very moment—
You are present in the moments unfolding before us in ways beyond our deepest imaginings.
We gather with gratitude to share our hopes and dreams
We gather with compassion to remember the reality and horror of war.
We gather with sorrow to honour all who make sacrifices for the sake of the good of all. Amen.

Rituals of Remembrance

Recitation: “In Flander’s Fields”
Reading of the Names
Last post – 2 minute Silence - Reveille

Hymn: O Canada VU#524

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.

WE LISTEN

Selected Scripture Readings for Remembrance Day

**“Scripture is...a living word
Passed on from generation to generation”
May it guide and inspire us
So that we might wrestle a holy revelation from it
for our own time and our own place. Amen**

Selected texts for Remembrance Sunday, Nov 6, 2022

John 15: 9,12-13

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love... 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

Romans 8: 35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ...

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Micah 4: 3

They will beat their swords into plowshares

and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Resisting Evil

Traditionally this first Sunday in November is celebrated as All Saints Day. We are marking it as Remembrance Sunday because the Sunday before Nov 11th has been reserved for the Remembrance of lives laid down for the sake of others.

Lives laid down. Hmm. I guess that’s really what a saint is—someone whose life is dedicated to others and very often—most of the time saints are those who have died because of their resistance to evil.

Jesus laid down his life.

Mahatma Gandhi laid down his life

Martin Luther King Jr laid down his life.

Oscar Romero laid down his life.

These and many more laid down their lives—they sacrificed their own well being for the sake of a greater good.

The common thread among all the saints I have mentioned was their choice of a path of resistance to the powers and principalities through non-violent means. Resistance through non-violence. Many of you will have noticed my email signature—A Gandhi saying “There no way to peace. Peace is the way.”

In a world full of horrific wars we desperately need to turn our energies toward a different kind of fight—a different kind of sacrifice as we face the reality of the harm being caused by human beings to Planet Earth. I will say more about this.

May our children remember us with thanksgiving for the sacrifice we make.

WE RESPOND

OFFERING INVITATION:

We invite you to give an offering to support the work of our church to fulfill God’s mission in our world. Let us offer ourselves and all our gifts with thanksgiving.

DOXOLOGY 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.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE VU# 525

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Closing Hymn: "O World of God" VU#258

Verse 1

O world of God, so vast and strange,
profound and wonderful and fair,
beyond the utmost reach of thought
but not beyond our Maker's care!
We are not strangers on this earth
whirling amid the suns of space;
we are God's children, this our home,
with those of every clime and race.

Verse 2

O world where human life is lived,
so strangely mingling joy and pain,
so full of evil and of good,
so needful that the good shall reign!
It is this world that God has loved,
and goodness was its Maker's plan,
the promise of God's triumph is
a humble birth in Bethlehem.

Verse 3

O world of time's far-stretching years!
There was a day when time stood still,
a central moment when there rose
a cross upon a cruel hill;
in pain and death love's power was seen,
the mystery of time revealed,
the wisdom of the ways of God,
the grace through which our hurt is healed.

Commissioning and Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the world God loves

And

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and always. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF EMERGENCE

- Nov 8 **Hope Arises** celebrates first full year as non-profit
All are invited 7 Main St. W. **5:30 to 7:30 p.m**
- Nov 11 Dorset Remembrance Ceremony. 10:45 am.
Pavillion with Refreshments at Knox United
- Nov 12 **Deadline for Cookie Drop off at each church**
NOTE: All cookies must be made with REAL BUTTER!!
- Nov 15 **Cookie labelling and packaging day 1pm**
- Nov 16 Sacred Circle Dance @ Pioneer 6:30-8 p.m.
- Nov 18: **Christmas Market Bake Sale 10am-2pm.**
Lake of Bays Garden Centre
- Nov 22 **Leadership Team Christmas Card Blitz 12 noon**
- Nov 26 **Reign of Christ Communion Services**
- Nov 27 **Rev Meg away until Dec 3rd.**
- Dec 24 **Joint service @Stewart 10:30 a.m.**
Knox: 5 p.m and Pioneer 7 p.m.
- Dec 31 **New Year's Eve joint service Pioneer 10:30am**

Ongoing Stewardship:

There are several different options for you to gift your offering to Lake of Bays Pastoral Charge.

- 1. In person and on the plate. (Each congregation has a different practice around this but you can't miss it!)**
- 2. Via PAR (preauthorized remittance). Then you don't have to think about it again. Money is withdrawn monthly**
- 3. By e-transfer. The email address for donations via e-transfer is lobunitedchurches@gmail.com In the subject line/comment please identify to which of the Churches you wish to donate, Pioneer in Hillside, Stewart in Dwight or Knox in Dorset.**
- 4. By cheque: If you send a cheque, please make it out to Lake of Bays Pastoral Charge and mail it to: LOB United Churches, P.O. Box 196, Dwight, ON, P0A 1H0, specifying for which church the donation is intended. Thank**

