Strathmore United Church

November 8, 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Rev. Maria Szabone Berces

Greetings & Welcome:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

and also, with you. Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

In a troubled world,

We need peace.

In our troubled lives,

We need peace.

In our relationship with God through the Christ,

We are reminded of Christ's peace.

Thanks be to God.

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♫♪**Centering Song:** *Come and Find the Quiet Centre* ***VU #374**

Call to Worship:

On Remembrance Sunday, we give thanks for those who have made sacrifices in pursuit of justice.

Soldiers, pilots, sailors, marines.

We honour the sacrifices made in pursuit of peace

Nurses, first responders, doctors, chaplains.

We affirm the sacrifices made in pursuit of freedom.

Parents, spouses, partners, children.

We lament that these sacrifices were necessary.

We renew our calling to strive for peace and justice, freedom and truth.

We celebrate life reclaimed from war.

We proclaim life abundant, in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship together and remember together,

Knowing that, in God's heart, their sacrifice is never forgotten.

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♫♪ Hymn: *O Canada* ***VU #524**

In Flanders Fields (by LCol John McCrae**):**

Pinning of Poppies:

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.

♫♪ Special Music: *So Long Ago* ***Then Let Us Sing #113**

by the Chancel Singers & the congregation

Prayer of Confession:

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Words of Assurance:

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♫♪ Hymn: *Nothing Can Trouble* ***VU #290**

Before Hearing the Scriptures:

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Reading of Scripture **Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–18**

Matthew 25:1–13

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♫♪ Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy* ***VU #672**

The Offering Invitation:

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M&S Story:

Words matter. As do actions. We are challenged to match our actions and our words. If we speak out against injustice, then we act to bring justice to pass. If we call out for peace, then we work for peace for all people. If we recognise the needs around us, then we generously share.

♫♪ **Dedication:** *We Plough the Fields* ***(Refrain Only)*** ***VU #520**

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.

Prayer of Dedication:

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Prayers of the People:

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♫♪ **Lord's Prayer:** ***VU #960**

♫♪ **Hymn:** *For the Faithful Who Have Answered* ***VU #707**

Commissioning:

When bombs fall and missiles strike,
We pray for peace.
When voices are raised in anger,
We pray for peace.
When fists fly and guns are discharged,
We pray for peace.
May there be peace on earth
And in our lives.
May we go forth in peace,
Knowing that the God of peace goes with us, now and always.
Amen.

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♫♪ **Choral Response:** *Go Now In Peace* ***VU #964**

The Last Post – Silence – Rouse

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the God of Peace go with you.
P: And also with you.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Library after the service.

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