

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

November 9, 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

LLWL Harold Walton

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

This is a day when we remember. We remember those who served in world conflicts, and we remember their families. We remember a world torn apart, and we pray for a world put back together. And, most of all, we remember that God is with us, with us and for us.

We light this candle as a symbol of peace:

**peace that has been made,
peace that needs to be made,
peace that will be made,
the peace of Jesus in our hearts and in our world.**

November 11 – Armistice Day/Remembrance Day/Veterans' Day

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the armistice – laying down of arms – was signed to end the First World War. Many nations continue to call this Armistice Day, while others name it Remembrance, recalling the sacrifice made by women and men in both World War I – “the war to end all wars” – and the many wars that have taken place since.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

read by Chris Savory

HONOUR ROLL

read by Diane Holden

TIME OF SILENCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM: O Canada

VU #524

CALL TO WORSHIP

We stand in silence – **remembering the death.**

We stand in silence – **remembering the destruction.**

We stand in silence – **remembering the loss.**

We stand in silence – **remembering the horror of war to the women, men,
and children**

to the land and all that lives on it. *(silence)*

We stand in silence –

Remembering. Waiting. Watching.

Working for peace –

in our lives, in our community, in our country, in our world.

In all these things, with all these things ...

we worship God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that the world around us is in a mess. Nations turn disputes over territory into acts of aggression. Old enemies stir up conflict with their rivals. Threats of violence keep us all on edge. We confess we have not learned from past conflicts what leads to peace with justice among nations and neighbours. Forgive us, and lead us in a better way.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: A Song of Peace

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, as we turn to listen for your Word, send your Spirit among us. Open our ears to your truth. Open our minds to your challenge and move our hearts to live out that challenge in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 145 (Responsive with refrain)

VU #866

Refrain: We praise you, O God: we bless your holy name.

Luke 20: 27 – 38

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: For the Truth which holds our living, for the Truth that challenges and changes us, for the Truth that sets us free,

All: **Thanks be to God! May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder, as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

MESSAGE

HYMN: How Great the Mystery of Faith

VU #390

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory Hymn of Dedication – When We Are Living (vs. 2) VU #581
Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Prayer of Dedication: God of justice and generosity, when we consider that Christ gave his very life for our sakes, we are humbled to offer our gifts. We are also humbled by the memory of those who gave up their youth, their families, and their very lives in conflict so that justice and truth would prevail. Bless our small gifts with the possibilities your Spirit can create, so that justice and truth continue to prevail in the world you love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (sung twice)

VU #948

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer when I call answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Faithful God,

Remember them now and for all the time to come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN – Sent Forth by God's Blessing

VU #481

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING – Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true

Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Worship Leader: LLWL Harold Walton

Music: Chris Savory



LEST WE FORGET REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU to LLWL Harold Walton
for leading today's Worship Service**

MINISTRY NEWS - Following is news of our effort to keep you up-to-date on the progress being made to secure a minister for WUC. Reverend Gary Patterson will join us on December 1, 2025 on a short-term basis. He will be available for 2 Sundays/month for a total of 20 hours and also provide Pastoral Care as required. He will serve WUC until March 1, 2026 when we expect Rev. Hae Young Kim to join us on a 2 year contract. He has a Master of Divinity from Knox College Toronto and is completing his PHD in pastoral counselling. He has leadership experience having worked as associate minister for 15 years. Rev. Kim is presently in South Korea teaching pastoral counselling. Rev. Kim is enthusiastic and excited to get to know each and every one of us. He is wanting to meet us where we are, listen, and work with us to move into the future, offering his gifts and skills in pastoral care to our community.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY will be observed on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30. This will give time to prepare the Christmas Hampers with your donations. Grocery gift cards and cash along with gift donations are welcome!

AS PART OF OUR PASTORAL CARE DISCUSSIONS, a white board has been placed in the auditorium. If you know of someone who is celebrating a birthday, etc. or who is ill, please add the information to the board.

FOR CURRENT PASTORAL CARE NEEDS, contact the office for an appointment.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, November 16 led by LLWL Mae Bedford

Sunday, November 23 led by Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

Sunday, November 30 led by LLWL Mae Bedford – Advent 1, White Gift

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT – THE BRANTFORD COMMUNITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA on Friday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments follow. Come start the Advent/Christmas season by enjoying the beautiful acoustics of our church sanctuary.

COMMUNITY CONCERTS:

Low Notes High Hopes Saxophone Quartet at St. James United Church Simcoe, Saturday, December 13 at 2 pm.

Port Dover Community Sing-Along – War and Remembrance – at Grace United Church Port Dover, Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm.

The Lynn Valley Voices – Peace and Remembrance at Grace United Church Port Dover, Sunday, November 9 at 3 pm.

See bulletin board for more details

A SONG OF PEACE

This is my song O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar, and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams the same as mine;

My country's skies are blue,
And sunlight beams on pine,
But other lands have light,
And skies are blue, are sometimes blue as mine.
Oh, hear my song, O God,
A song of peace, for their land, and mine.

