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Meditation: Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth. - Meachem Begin

Welcome: to Britannia United Church. Our **nursery** is always available to children three years of age and younger. It is at the end of the hall by the office. **Headsets** are available for those who need assisted hearing. Please speak to our sound technician. Please join in the reading if it is **bold** and *italic*. Coffee and Tea are available at the back of the church, after the service.

We Gather in God's Name

Introit: Eternal Father, Strong to Save (659)

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Let us begin our time of worship
with a moment of remembrance.

**We remember fallen soldiers,
and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.**

Let us begin our time of worship
with a moment of thanksgiving.

**We thank 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 eternity.

Opening Prayer: A Prayer for the Armed Forces

O God of hosts,

God who calls us to be engaged in the world;

we pray for those who are serving in our Armed Forces; soldiers, sailors, air personnel, and those who provide support for them.

We pray for clerks and gunners, navigators and parachute packers, infanteers and public affairs officers.

We pray for those who care for those who fight: for mental health nurses, doctors, and chaplains.

We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way; for Search and Rescue Technicians, for those engaged in mine-clearing, for those in the air or on the high seas.

***Keep them safe in their tasks;
keep them virtuous in their calling;
preserve them from danger,
and return them to those who love them.***

Remembering:

They shall grow not old, as we that 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.***

* **O Canada:** (524 – in the language of your choice)

* **Placing of the Wreath**

The Last Post

* **Reading of the Role:** (Ole Jensen)

In Memoriam 1939-1945

“They Gave Their Lives That We Might Remain Free”

Robert Acheson
Arthur A. Bussell
Allan Lillico
Earl Piche
David Roberts
Edward H. Viens

Frederick Blyth
Albert Forsyth
Grant Morrison
Keith Richardson
Edward L. Roberts
Jerry Wolf

Prayer:

Ever-living God

we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;

***may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Music Memories: Dee Vance

Prayer for Peace:

On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray,
we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns once fell silent,

We come before you God, seeking Your peace.

On this day of hope in the face of terror,

We come before you God, praying with all our hearts:

God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Help us to find the path

that leads to the Peaceable kingdom.

***Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations
to find a different path***

through the disagreements of life in this world.

In this time of story, song, and prayer,

may we be re-committed to being people of Peace.

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together.

And so we echo the old prayers,
Make us channels of your peace.
Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen

Anthem: If We Only Have Love

Theme Presentation

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (KJV, Candice Armstrong)

Message: The Keepers of Peace

A Prayer for People of Courage:

We offer to you, O God,
our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil.

***We pray for those who need
your presence and strength to stand firm;
for those who are oppose the use of violence in any form
in faithful response to the Prince of Peace.***

***We pray for those who are prepared to be firm
to protect those in danger.***

We pray for those who walk with others who need strength.

***We pray for those who protest,
those who organize letter campaigns,***

those who give sacrificially on behalf of others.

***We pray for those who speak the unpopular truth;
who protect the unpopular victims;***

who choose the unpopular path of peace.

***We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace
hinder the requirements of justice,***

***and for those who do not let their zeal for justice
override the call for peace.***

(by the Rev. Dr. Neil Parker, Military Chaplain.)

We Respond to God

Prayers of Joy and Concern and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory

* **Doxology**: (541)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

* **Offertory Prayer**:

*As we remember those who gave their all,
as we honour the self-sacrificing love of Christ,
we bring our offering to you, O God,
with humble, hopeful hearts,
in dedication to your kingdom of peace. Amen*

* **Hymn**: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God our Creator,
children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

* **Commissioning Prayer:**

As you go into the world,
honour one another, as you honour God,
love one another, as you love God,
treat each other, as you would like to be treated,
living in the name and example of Jesus Christ.

Amen

* **Sung Response:** We'll Meet Again

Postlude