CENTRAL WESTSIDE
UNITED CHURCH

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REMEMBER THE FUTURE



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Welcome!

'Come as you are to share in our friendliness, laughter, and tears, and be spiritually refreshed.'

WE GATHER IN THIS PLACE....

Musical Prelude: **Jesse Corrigan**

Welcome and Life & Work of the Church: **Ann Otterbein**

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Fellowship Candles: **Ann Otterbein**

The Christ candle is a sign to us that Jesus Christ has come into this world as the Eternal Light. The Fellowship candles remind us that Jesus' people are called to be the people of Light in this world.

As we light the Christ candle, let us hear the voice of Jesus saying, "I am the Light of the world" and as we light the Fellowship candles, let us also hear the voice of Jesus saying, "You are the light of the world."

Land Acknowledgement: **Ann Otterbein**

Long before those of us who are settlers and those who are descendants of settlers came to this land to live, there were people here. We acknowledge that many Nations of Indigenous people have lived in this beautiful place we all now call home. We give thanks to this land and the first peoples who cared for it. May we honour them by committing to the stewardship and respect of this land and the harmony of its people.

Introit: ***Come In, Come In and Sit Down*** **VU 395 v.2**

....APPROACHING GOD....

Call to Worship: (Responsive)
One: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.
Many: Here God will transform us into disciples.
One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.
Many: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.
One: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.
ALL: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Opening Prayer **Rev. Steinacher**

Opening Hymn: ***O Canada*** **VU 524**

Litany of Remembrance (Responsive):

One: O Lord our God, we have gathered this day to offer our prayers and petitions for those who have perished as a result of conflict and the strife of war.
We pray for those who have given of themselves willingly, those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We pray for those who have been victimized, innocent casualties of hatred and terror. We pray for those who continue to place themselves in harm's way in order that peace and harmony might be achieved.
Hear us, O Lord, as we make our appeal in their memory; Bless, O Lord our God, those who have fought and valiantly died that we might enjoy liberty and freedom. May their sacrifice not be in vain.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: Bless, O Lord our God, those who have perished while engaged in the task of peacekeeping. May their sacrifice not be in vain.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One::Bless, O Lord our God, the innocent victims of war, those who have suffered because of conflict and strife.

All: May your blessing, O Lord, be upon them.

One: All this we pray, and all this we ask, in your Holy Name, O Lord, **Amen.**

Act of Remembrance:
One: The first act of Remembrance Day was observed on November 11 to recall the end of World War I on that date in 1918; the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Today we still remember in silence before God those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, let us commend their souls anew to God's eternal mercy and compassion, and let us pray that God would grant us grace to serve faithfully until our life's end, to the honour and glory of God's Holy name.

Placing of the Wreath
Video with Moment of Silence

A Time for All Ages: **"In Flanders Fields"**

…TO HEAR GOD'S WORD…

Scripture: *(New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition)* **Bruce Steer**
God offers us through prophets' and apostles' words of life which in faith become the living Word. From birth to rebirth we are offered new beginnings. Let us receive and envision new meaning from the Word in these readings.

SCRIPTURE READING:
Genesis 15

Response to God's Holy Word:
God never stops speaking! May we always be listening and wondering. **Thanks be to God!**

Music Interlude: **Jesse Corrigan**

Sermon:	***Remember the Future***	**Rev. Steinacher**
Sermon Response Hymn:	***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***	**VU 806**

....AND RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL....

Invitation to Offering:		**Rev. Steinacher**
Offering Response: *(Offering brought forward)*	***For the Fruit of All Creation***	**VU 227 v.3**
Dedication of Our Offerings:		**Rev. Steinacher**
Prayers of the Community:		**Rev. Steinacher**
The Lord's Prayer: (spoken)		**On Screen**
Closing Hymn: *(stand as able)*	***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***	**VU 262**
Sending Forth and Blessing:		**Rev. Steinacher**
Musical Postlude:		**Jesse Corrigan**

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