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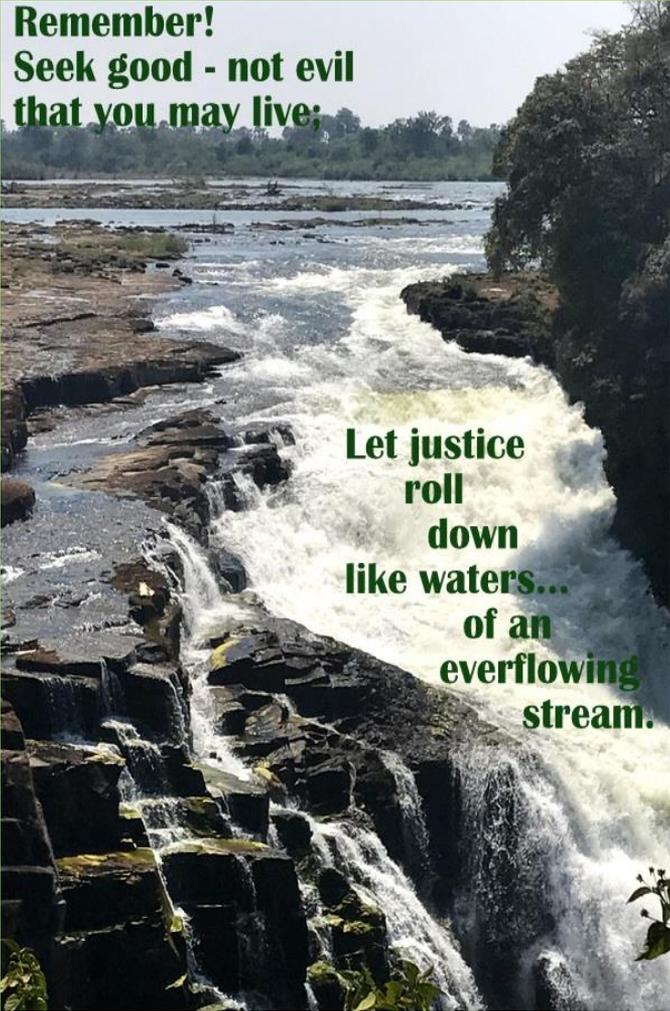
2017 Nov 12

Remembrance Sunday

Pentecost 23

Welcome and Inclusion
We open our hearts and our church family to all people in our community regardless of ethnicity, economic circumstances, sexual orientation, age, gender, or differing abilities. Many people's lives continue to be devastated by hatred, prejudice, and inequality, therefore we stand with those who are adversely affected by injustice, alienation and oppression.

**Remember!
Seek good - not evil
that you may live;**



**Let justice
roll
down
like waters...
of an
everflowing
stream.**

The red roses in the sanctuary are in loving memory of Dr. R. David & Ruth Clark, married Nov 11, 1942 from Janet M. Clark and family.

Prelude: *Elegy*, Gerald Bales Robin Doyon, trumpet & Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

Embracing Our Spirit

Call to Worship:

There was a dream

wolves and sheep together, nations at peace, weapons of war turned into tools of harvest.

There was a dream

the vulnerable supported, poverty and injustice broken, the aching made whole.

And this dream of God became flesh

on the tongues of the prophets, in the dreams of the people, in the body of Christ.

And this dream of God becomes flesh

in you and in me as we follow in God's holy way and live the love of Jesus.¹

Processional Hymn: *What Does the Lord Require of You*

Voices United 701

Coming Into God's Presence

Rev. Karen Bridges

Act of Remembrance

Anthem: *Good Night, Dear Heart*, Dan Forrest Robertson-Wesley Córtes
(Text: "Warm summer sun shine kindly here, Warm southern wind blow softly here, Green sod above, lie light, lie light – Good night, dear heart, Good night.")

Invocation Prayer (*unison, standing*)

God of Grace and God of Wonder, we yearn for peace—the kind of peace where justice flows down like a mighty and ever-flowing stream, the kind where there is not merely an absence of war but the sincere recognition of a harmony where all have a part. May this time help to bring peace to the world and goodwill among even the most fractious of people. From the rising up of the sun to its setting may we be ambassadors of peace and harmony, goodwill and hope. This we pray as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Anthem: *In Flanders Fields*, Christine Donkin Choir of Robertson-Wesley

The Last Post

Robin Doyon, trumpet

¹ Written by Micol I. Cottrell, *Gathering*, Pentecost 2 2013, p. 34. Used with permission.

(Minute of Silence)

Reveille

*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.*

Laying of the Wreath

O Canada *(In English or French)*

(Voices United 524)

God's Holy Word

Prayer of Examen

God has given us a complete week.

It began on Monday and it is now Sunday.

Let us recall all that was accomplished this week, and give thanks to God. (silence)

Let us recall our fears and sadness, our joys and contentment and pray for God's love. (silence)

May our hearts be ever mindful of others and quick to do good,

Through Jesus Christ our Friend and Helper. Amen.

Scripture:

Kathleen Gowers

Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24 • Let justice roll like a river

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.²²

This is the witness of Israel.

Thanks be to God our loving Creator.

Sermon: *Remember to Seek Justice*

Rev. Karen Bridges

Hymn: *Like a Healing Stream*

More Voices 144

² *The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version.* (1991, Oxford University Press)

Grateful Response

Offering: *Ich Ruf Zu Dir (I Call to Thee)*, J. S. Bach Robin Doyon, trumpet

Offertory Hymn: *Voices United 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.**

Prayer of Gratitude

Recessional Hymn: *O for a World* *Voices United 697*

Commissioning:

God speaks: in the midst of turmoil, peace;
in the midst of tough decision-making, peace;
in the midst of family conflicts, peace;
in the midst of friendship's challenges, peace;
When apathy is overcome, peace;
when the just cause is persistently pursued, peace.
Peace, when peace seems to be the impossible dream,
God speaks, and we live the Way of Peace that Jesus taught and lived.³

Choral Benediction: *Grant Us Peace*, Michael Scott
Erin Craig, conductor & Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*, Robin King Robin Doyon, trumpet

*Following worship, all are invited to the Memorial Hall
for fellowship, and refreshments.*

Music Notes

Thanks to Robin Doyon for playing this morning. Robin plays in the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

Thanks also to the Córteet for preparing some special music.

And a warm welcome to our Mira and Heather! Mira is Tammy-Jo's special music assistant for this morning. If your child might be interested in this leadership and learning opportunity, sign up in Memorial Hall.

We have several pieces today by Canadian composers, including the prelude and postlude. The anthem is also by a Canadian. Christine Donkin studied composition at the U of A and UBC and works as a composer and instructor in Ontario. She has written several choral pieces, as well as instructional and pedagogical pieces for piano and violin, featured in many examination

³ Written by David Sparks, **Gathering** Pentecost 2, 2017, p. 49. Used with permission.

systems. She has also composed for orchestra.

The piece the Córtes (Claire Rolheiser & Shamin Malmas, sopranos; Erin Craig & Julie Golosky, altos; Neal Neigel, tenor; and Matthew McGuigan, bass) shares today was written by American composer Dan Forrest in response to the death of a child close to his family. The text is taken from a poem by Robert Richardson that is written on the headstone of Susy Clemens, daughter of the writer Mark Twain who died in her youth. This piece felt appropriate for today's service as an elegy for young victims of war around the world.

Our hymns this morning are taken from the poetry and musical settings of our most prolific hymn writers – Canadian Bruce Harding, and Americans Jim Strathdee and Miriam Therese Winter.

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R-W REPORT NOVEMBER 12, 2017
Robertson-Wesley United Church

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE

Washrooms are located by the elevator.

Baby changing facilities are available in washrooms.

If you wish to use it, a children's activity centre is set up in the Chapel with nursing space in adjacent room (Millson Room).

Activity kits for children are available from the ushers.

Large print bulletins, large print hymnbooks,
and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Please do not leave valuables unattended anywhere in the church.

Next Week

November 19, 2017, 10:30 am

Pentecost 24

Children & Youth: Children begin in the sanctuary, then go to their Kids' Church program. Youth meet in the youth room at the beginning of the service.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14 Letter to the exiles

Sermon: *Remember to trust in God*

The prophet Jeremiah is writing to people who have been exiled, who have been forced to move away from what they have known - into the unknown. Today this is sometimes experienced in the loss of a job, in the division of a family, when we have left our families because of family dynamics or economic circumstances or because of traumatic events. God wants us to settle in, to not let our expectations of a speedy recovery discourage us when they are not met. We are called to trust in God and live in hope for what is to come.

Music: R-W Ringlets handbell quartet, Tammy-Jo Mortensen, organ

After Worship: After worship all are invited to gather in the Memorial Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Volunteer Opportunities:

All is Bright- Annual festival is back in the neighbourhood! Various positions and times available. Sign-up sheet is posted in Memorial Hall.

Magic Pantry- R-W provides a free bag lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. This outreach program relies on volunteers to be available at the door from 12 pm to 1 pm to hand out lunches.

R-W News & Notes

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES

Tonight, Nov 12, 2017 Remembrance theme – remember loved ones, remember companions and pets, remember those who came before. Are you seeking an escape from the world, an oasis in your crazy life? Are you seeking some quiet? Are you seeking time for yourself or inspiration? Then we invite you to engage in **contemplative practices** at R-W in Memorial Hall. When you enter Memorial Hall you will find pockets of inspiration that will clear your mind, open your heart, and bring your spirit into connection with the sacred and the world. Throughout Memorial Hall there will be different spaces with different contemplative practices that invite you to meditate, pray, while engaging in some artistic exercises. Drop by anytime between 7-8:30 pm.

CREATIVE SELF CARE WORKSHOP; Remembering Self Saturday, November 18, 10 am – 2:30 pm

People from the community are welcome to participate in a healing-focused artistic workshop at no cost to you. November is a month for remembering...but as this season gets busy we can often forget self. Instead we need to be intentional in remembering self. In this workshop, we will explore mindful creative arts practices, as ways to manage stress and find greater self-compassion. Register online through the Spirited Arts Movement web page.

R-W IS ACCEPTING ARTWORK!

Art Sale: November 18, 2017, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

R-W's annual Art Sale needs your art donations. Art is "in the eyes of the beholder" - so we accept art of every kind - oils, drawings, wood working, pottery, and jewelry, etc.. **You will receive a tax receipt for the actual cost of the article at the sale.** If you have any art or wish information, please contact Sheila or Pat at 780-481-0056 or leave a message at the Church Office. All the money from the Art Sale stays within the church for future community projects and activities.

PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, Nov 19 from 9:00-9:30 am in the Chapel

The Spiritual Pod is excited to host this worship experience this fall to help us all experience different forms of prayer. In the 30 minute service we will learn about a way of engaging in prayer and then experience it together.

KOINONIA POTLUCK AND WORSHIP

Please join us for a Remembrance Service on Nov. 19. This time the service will take a special spin in which we will not only remember people lost and wounded in wars, but also focus on indigenous people from around the world making peace with others

and the earth. We will watch the stirring, award-winning DVD, Bridgewalkers. We meet at 5:30 pm in the Memorial Hall for dinner followed by a service at 7:00 pm. If you are able, please bring a salad, main course item or dessert to share.

**CANADA 150 YOUTH TRIP- with Abdul Al Masoud
Sunday, Nov 19 in Memorial Hall**

Abdul Al Masoud from our Syrian refugee family will tell about his experiences with the Canada 150 Youth group last summer during fellowship hour after church on November 19. Be sure to come and hear about his unique trip up north with many other youth accompanied by Governor General Johnson. A light lunch will be served.

SPEAKERS/READERS WORKSHOP

For scripture readers, announcement makers, minute or second speakers and anyone else who wants to feel confident in delivering text!

Saturday, Nov. 25 from 10:00 am -12:30 pm. Sign up in Memorial Hall.

2018 PLEDGE UPDATE

Our goal is 100 pledges. To date we have received 44 pledges. If you haven't yet, please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible.

PARKING PASSES

Parking passes will be sold today after service and on into the next couple of months. We are advised by Impark that they do patrol the lot at MEC's former location and parking passes will be necessary.

PRESBYTERY MATTERS

Presbytery Matters provides a summary of each meeting, to assist delegates in reporting to their congregations. The latest notes are posted in Memorial Hall.

COMMUNITY DINNER

A sign-up sheet is posted in Memorial Hall for people wishing to bring in some goodies for the Christmas Dinner on Dec 2. The team is requesting squares, cookies, mandarin oranges and Christmas cakes.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

We need donations for male and females of all ages (about 350 total) of NEW (purchased, re-gifted, or handmade): **Hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks.** These will be stored, then placed around a tree in the chapel, and offered as gifts to Dec. 2nd Christmas Community Dinner guests.

NOTE: This is NOT affiliated with White Gift Sunday which is the unwrapped gift donations that will be located in the main sanctuary.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

The new directory is available in Memorial Hall after service today!

GROCERY CARDS

Please consider purchasing grocery cards from Robertson-Wesley in Memorial Hall after Sunday Worship. Any grocery cards that Robertson-Wesley purchases from Superstore in November & December and Safeway/Sobeys from October to December are subject to an additional discount for the church. Specifically, the church gets 5 per cent from each Superstore grocery card you purchase and 8 per cent from each Safeway/Sobeys grocery card you purchase. Save On Foods provides a 6 percent discount all year long. Grocery cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. Cash and cheques are accepted.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun Nov 12	Contemplative Practices– Memorial Hall	7:00 pm
	Soul OUTing– Chapel	7:00 pm
Mon Nov 13	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	7:00 pm
Tue Nov 14	Yoga– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
	United Church Women– Memorial Hall	1:30 pm
	Property ctte– Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed Nov 15	Choir of R-W– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
	Ministry & Personnel– Club Room	7:30 pm
Thu Nov 16	R-W Ringers– Lower Hall	6:45 pm
Sat Nov 18	Art Sale– Memorial Hall	10:00 am
	Self-Care Workshop– Room 11	10:00 am
	Choral Morphosis– Lower Hall	10:00 am
	R-W Youth Group– offsite	7:00 pm

ON THE HORIZON

Sun Nov 19	Prayer Service– Chapel	9:00 am
	Koinonia– Memorial Hall	5:30 pm
Mon Nov 20	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	7:00 pm
Tue Nov 21	Scripture Reflection Group– Club Room	12:10 pm
	Spirited Art Studio– Art Studio	1:30 pm
	R-W Board– Room 11	7:00 pm
Wed Nov 22	Messy Wednesday– Memorial Hall	5:00 pm
	Choir of R-W– Lower Hall	7:30 pm
Sat Nov 25	Readers Workshop– Sanctuary	10:00 am
	All is Bright/Pop Up Studio– Memorial Hall	4:00 pm

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We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples.