

Martin Grove United Church

where worship leads to service



“Blessed Are They”

Rev. Dr. Rick Tamas
November 5, 2023

Welcome to Worship!

VU refers to Voices United, MV refers to More Voices

***Indicates an invitation to stand - in body, or in spirit**

Prelude: “The white cliffs of Dover” *By Nat Burton and
Walter Kent* (The Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

Minister’s Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

***Opening Hymn: VU 684 “Make me a channel of Your
peace”** *Words by St. Francis, Music by Sebastian Temple*

Announcements (Marilyn Coombs)

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Time of Personal Prayer: “Adoration” *By Irving D. Bartley*

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem: “Creation will be at peace” *Words by J.
Paul Williams, Music by Anna Laura Page*

A Time of Remembering and of Peace

(Marilyn Coombs)

One: O God of peace, we have gathered this day to remember.
Today we remember the sacrifices made in times of war.
We remember:

All: the lives and actions of those who willingly went to war. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice by offering their own lives. Those who made great sacrifices in offering their wholeness, and risking their lives.

(silence is held)

One: We remember:

All: the lives and actions of others who made great sacrifices in times of war - those who were victimized, abused, innocent victims of hatred and terror.

(silence is held)

One: We remember:

All: the lives and actions of those who still place themselves in harms way, engaged in the task of peacekeeping.

(silence is held)

One: Today we remember those who died in war.

All: They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.

One: We will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

Remembrance Poem: Allan Jones (unison)

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our places; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amongst the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Placing of Poppies (*you will be
invited up in turn to place a poppy on the cross*)

Last Post

Moment of silence

Reveille

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-7 (Marilyn Coombs)

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 (Marilyn Coombs)

Song of Reflection: “It is well with my soul” *By Philip
Bliss, Arr by Martha Mier* (Jill Diane Filion)

Scripture: Matthew 5:3-12 (Rev. Rick)

Reflection: “Blessed Are They” (Rev. Rick)

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn: VU 540 “Grant us God the grace”** *By Anonymous*

***Offering Prayer**

Lighting of the Prayer Candle

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: VU 333 “Love divine, all loves
excelling”** *Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Rowland H.
Prichard*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Sung Blessing: “Go now in peace”** *By Don Besig & Nancy
Price*

Postlude: “Praise my soul the God of heaven” *By John
Goss* (The Merry Bells of Martin Grove)

**MEMBERS OF
MARTIN GROVE UNITED CHURCH
WHO SERVED IN THE FORCES
DURING THE WARS**

Leslie Bannister-Brown – BRITISH WRENS

Bert Lintern – R.C.N.V.R.

Marvin Smith – R.C.A.F.

Ron Might – R.C.N.V.R.

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WIDOWS OF VETERANS

Dorothy Gosse-----Malcolm, R.C.A.

Transportation Division

Ruth Jefferies-----John,

Canadian Infantry Corps

Rose Jevons-----Fred, R.C.A.F.

Peggy Park-----Rowland, R.C.N.

Jean Simmons-----Harold, R.C.M.V.R.

Lois Stephenson---Alan, R.C.A.F.

Muriel Wilcox-----Harold, R.C.A.S.C.

Millie Wright-----Ralph, R.C.A.F.

Fran McTavish----William, R.C.M.N.



Christmas with friends of
MARTIN GROVE UNITED CHURCH

ON THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

a christmas concert

17 DECEMBER ❄️ **03.00 PM**

75 PERGOLA RD, ETOBICOKE, ON M9W 5K4

\$25 Tickets

Purchase at the door, in the office, or on Sunday mornings

Director: Jill Diane Filion

Singers: Joni Henson, Devin Herbert, Rob Kempson,
Nicole Percifield, Michael Sproule

Flute: Kristen Derksen

Guest Pianist: Elaine Weimer



"We acknowledge that our sacred space is found on the indigenous territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabe, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron -Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis. With gratitude and respect for their stewardship of creation, we seek to live into right relations with all."

Events & Reminders

Nov 12 – Souper Sunday – 10:30am

Nov 19 – Bake Sale (after church) – 11:30am

Nov 26 – Christmas VISTA orders due

Dec 3 (Advent 1) – Christmas Carol Hymn Sing – 10:30am

Dec 10 (Advent 2) – White Gifts & Handbells – 10:30am

Unwrapped \$10 Gift Exchange – 11:30am

Dec 17 (Advent 3) – Holy Communion – 10:30am

Christmas Concert (Guest Performers) 3pm

Dec 24 (Advent 4) – Handbells – 10:30am

Candlelight service – 7:00pm

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PAR: Pre-Approved Remittance

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