

One: On this day, O God, we celebrate the many gifts of freedom.

Many: Freedom from old prejudices, old hatreds, old ways of thinking that separate us from our sisters and brothers, freedom from hardships and constraints that so many live with, freedom to stop, and begin again, this time on Your path.

One: On this day, Holy God, we give thanks for those who have worked, served, sacrificed in the service of their country's ideals, that others might be free.

Many: We thank you for the men and women who serve or have served in our military forces. And we ask that You bless them.

One: We thank you, God, for those whose consciences led them to serve in ways other than as combatants, working on behalf of their communities to create peace and justice at home.

Many: We give thanks for their faith commitments and their service. And we ask that You bless them.

One: We also lift up, honor, and celebrate the families of those who have worked, served, and fought for freedom.

Many: We pray for those who held their families together while loved ones served far away, for those whose loved ones never returned, and for those still working to heal their families as loved ones do come home. And we ask that You bless them.

One: Gracious God, we pray that You keep all these in Your care this day. And we pray that as we honor them, we might rededicate ourselves to Your service, praying and working for peace, in our nation, and for all nations.

Many: We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus who teaches us to pray:

Our Father/Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom/Realm come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom/Realm, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

* From "A Soldier's Heart" in "Reaching Out to Veterans and Their Families," *A Child Laughs, Prayers of Justice and Peace* (Pilgrim Press May 1, 2017) Maria Markin and Maren C. Tirabaasi, eds. Used by permission.

A Moment for our Ministries

Spiritual Nurture

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. Please use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Offertory

* **Doxology (#780 NCH)**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Eternal One, you are giving and forgiving; may we in turn be generous with our time, talent, and treasure. Accept all we bring before you. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your many Names we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Ave Verum* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Chancel Choir

Text for the Day Mark 12:41-44

Sermon *One's Whole Life*

***Hymn** Break Now the Bread of Life #321 NCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

There is a place for you at this table; you are welcome here. Bread is from a peanut-free provider. Gluten-free bread is in a small dish on each plate. The cups contain grape juice.

Invitation

One: The whole of creation is God's gift to us.

All: We are called to care for all that God created: lands, seas, skies, and creatures.

One: We are the whole people of God: remembered, renewed, redeemed.

All: May we be at peace with one another.

The Greeting of Peace *You are invited to bid God's peace to those around you.*

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you Holy God, with all who know you and all who love you, we join the endless refrain:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe sings your glory, God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God: hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

*** Closing Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

If you are comfortable doing so, please take the hand of someone near you as we sing.

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 every breath I take, may 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!

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Allegro Brillante by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ring of the Steeple Bell, 100th Anniversary of the Armistice

As our worship together ends, our true service begins.

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation, hosted today by the Memorial Garden Trustees.

Thanks to today's greeters and ushers, Cindy Nottage, Gretchen Smith, and Carolyn Puffer, sound engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Liam Ashburner, and pulpit assistant, Hugh Tyler.

For information about the Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ, or if you have a question or comment to share, please speak with a greeter or with Pastor Jill Small.

Veterans Day Observance during worship on Sunday, November 11, 2018

During worship today, the church is observing the **100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice for World War I** and Veterans Day. Join the Memorial Garden Trustees in recognizing the veterans and their families living in our community and in remembering the veterans who have passed. Trustees will read the names of the veterans who are memorialized in the Church's Memorial Garden:

Alan Charles Urban	Robert William Morse	Robert Neil Faiman
Helen Cheney Heald	John Woodsum Hatch	Gary Neal Lauten
Ben Anton Grotta	Lewis Franklin Heald	Paul Dietrich Hubbe
Alden Lewis Winn	Douglas Parkman	Charles Robert Keeseey
Nathan Hall Hardy	William Kent Martling	Alexander Renton Amell
Ralph Gerald Smallidge, Jr.	Richard Alan Bernard	Albert Denver Frost
Robert Edward Wear	James McKell Edwin Harper	Richard R. Weyrich
Charles E. Clark	Owen Maurice Rogers	James MacNad Ramsay
Richard Graham Parker		

Poppies are available from the ushers. **Visitation stones** are in the baskets by the doors to take for when you visit the Memorial Garden or cemetery to remember your loved ones.

Please join the Trustees of the Memorial Garden following worship for fellowship and refreshments. During Fellowship hour, peruse the **Memorial Book**. Also, please take a push pin to mark the location(s) on the **Michelin World Map** where you or your member of the armed service served his or her tour(s) of duty.

At 11 AM today, we join with the NH Council of Churches and churches across the state in ringing bells in remembrance of the **100th Anniversary** of the signing of the WWI Armistice.

If you have questions or would like a brochure describing Community Church's Memorial Garden, please contact William Mason, Chair of the Memorial Garden Trustees or Trustee Dianne Thompson. Bill may be reached at 603-868-5020 or at shonamason@comcast.net and Dianne may be reached at the church office, 603-868-1230 or at DianneT@CCDurham.org.

Veterans Day 2018 to be observed during Worship on November 11

This year is the 100th anniversary of the 11 AM signing of the Armistice at Compiegne, France, on November 11, 1918. The horrific hostilities of World War I halted between the Allied nations and Germany. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11th as Armistice Day coinciding with what other nations had begun to observe as Remembrance Day. In 1954, Congress and President Eisenhower renamed the day Veterans Day. The U.S. Observance differs from that of other nations. Veterans Day honors all American veterans.

Over four million Americans served in the US Army during World War I (1916-1918), half in the American Expeditionary Forces' overseas campaigns. According to then Secretary of War Baker, over 25 percent of the country's male population (18 and 31) served in the military." Over 100,000 Americans lost their lives. No WWI veteran survives today. (The National Archives) World War II was the US's largest mobilization of forces between 1941-1945; 16,112,566 military men and women (405,399 perished and 670,846 were wounded). Seventy percent served overseas. Worldwide, over 690 million people were involved. By 1945 seventy-two million had passed. Today, 496,777 are still alive, most well over 80. The US Department of Veterans Affairs notes 348 veterans are passing daily (The National WWII Museum).

On June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea. By the cessation of fighting on July 27, 1953, 5,720,000 American service men and women were involved. Deaths totaled 54,246 and 103,284 were wounded. As of June 2017, 7,686 service members remain missing and unaccounted for with 2,250,000 veterans still living. (NPR/Quora). This year, the remains of 55 service member were returned to the US by North Korea, two have been identified (CNN/Vox). The wars in Vietnam (1964-1975), the Persian Gulf (1990-1991), Afghanistan (2001-present), Iraq 2003-present) and other declared and undeclared engagements required over 11 million more American men and women to serve in the armed services. Many serving multiple tours of duty. These wars have resulted in the deaths of 64,675 Americans, 262,651 wounded with 1,739 service personnel still unaccounted for and missing (DOD POWMIA Office as of 8/2017).

Nine and half million veterans of these wars and military actions are living today. Various reports list 2.86 million US men and women serving in today's active, reserve and civilian military services with 1,000,030 men and 201,413 women serving in the US's active duty military around the globe. (DOD Manpower Data Center 9/2017 and NPR). In 2017 the US spent \$610 billion to support military services, equal to 40 % of the world's military expenditures (various). On November 11, 2018, Community Church is thanking those who serve and have served in the military whenever and wherever they serve(d) and thanking their families. The Trustees of the Memorial Garden will read the names of those veterans who are memorialized in the Garden.

At 11 AM Community Church is joining with the NH Council of Churches and its member churches across the state in ringing steeple bells in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

Faith, Love and Service Ministry Fair - November 18th find out about opportunities to connect, serve and giving back. During fellowship hour, representatives from our four Ministries will be on hand to talk with you about what they do and the many options available to help others and to make a difference as individuals and on a service team.

Harvest Potluck - Saturday, November 17 at 5 pm. Bring a dish to share with your neighbors at this autumn-inspired gathering. Following dinner, Paul Pouliot, Chief Spokesman and President of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People will relate the Native People's Story of Thanksgiving and discuss how early Native Peoples who lived in this area harvested food.

Cornucopia Food Baskets: A Place at the Table for All. Suggested Food List: potatoes, sweet potatoes (5 lb. bag), carrots (3 lb. bag), onions (5 lb. bag), fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, milk, cheeses, baking items (flour, sugar, baking powder, extracts), muffin or corn bread mixes, cookie, brownie or cake mixes, basmati or other rice, stuffing (2 boxes), cranberry sauce, bread, pies, roasting pan. **Food will be taken to Waysmeet on Sunday, Nov. 18.**

American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, November 19th at CCD. You can help save up to three lives in about an hour. The need is ongoing, but the supply is not. Please visit redcrossblood.org and enter DURHAM COMMUNITY to schedule an appointment. **Last year there were only 11 donors at CCD's blood drive. Please sign up to donate this year!**

Dover Friendly Kitchen Thursday, November 29th. Our next opportunity to serve is Thursday, November 29th! While we understand that this is a very busy time for our Church members and friends, please know that we welcome volunteers to cook, serve, distribute clothing donated by ECHO, and provide lovely music! Hunger and "extravagant hospitality" take no vacation! The sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 am to 2 PM. TO HELP IN ADVANCE: make baked goods, soups or crafts; donate jewelry for sale (drop donations off in the church office), donate something for the silent auction (instructions & forms in the Nov. Chronicle and outside church office), and/or help with the evergreens. **TO HELP AT THE FAIR:** volunteer to staff a sale table - and come shop at CCD! Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour or fill out a pew card on Sunday and put it in the offering plate, or sign-up online via the church website www.ccdurham.org. See the November Chronicle for additional details. Questions? Please contact Lorna Ellis (Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net, 292-6031) or Audrey Drogseth (adrogseth@comcast.net, 292-7971). Thank You!

Calling all crafters, your creations are needed for the **Christmas Fair, December 1st.** Christmas ornaments/decorations, potholders, knitted items go very well. Don't limit your creativity, the more variety the better. When donating, please indicate if there are any special materials used in the item and if you have an idea of the sales price, that is always helpful. If you would like the

item back if it is not sold, please note that along with your name when dropping the items off at the church office. Questions, contact Nancy Smath at 658-6604 or ncsmath@comcast.net.

Again this year, the greens committee will be making table arrangements and door swags. If you would like to be in on the fun of making beautiful things to sell, (previous experience not required) or if you have evergreen trees and bushes that you will trim for us to use please contact Mandy Armstrong at (603) 431-2406 or at mandybarmstrong@comcast.net. Making arrangements/swags doesn't require a long term commitment. You can come to the church for an hour or make arrangements every day...whatever you have time for! Someone will be present in the Christian Ed. wing every day (except for Thanksgiving) from November 19-30. If you have greens to donate, please deliver them to the patio by the Friendship Garden on November 17 and 18. We can use Pine, Balsam, Arborvita, Juniper, Boxwood, Holly or any other evergreen that doesn't curl up in the cold. AND if you can work on Fair Day, there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall soon.

Monday December 3rd, is an opportunity to provide a meal for **Families First in Portsmouth**. The menu: Ground Turkey Noodle Bake (recipe attached to sign-up board), rolls, garden salad, milk, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. Each item provided should serve ten people. The sign-up sheet and recipe is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the kitchen by 3pm on December 3rd.

Our annual giving campaign is well underway! Please take an opportunity to sustain our church community with your donation as we build Community into the future. To do this online, go to ccdurham.org and click "Donate online". For questions, or if you prefer a weekly envelope, please let Dianne know at diannet@ccdurham.org, or at 868-1230.

Containers Reminder: Please check the counter to the left of the fridge in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to see if you have a container there. These items will be moving on to ECHO soon so please do check so that these nice containers get back to their owners. Thanks.

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus to office@ccdurham.org by noon on Wednesday for inclusion the next Sunday. Thank you!

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