

Stittsville United Church

Cemetery Memorial Service

2:30 p.m., June 25, 2023



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(*Indicates when we are invited to rise in body or in spirit)

Music to prepare for worship

Land Acknowledgement

Christ Candle

Call to Worship: – A. Warren, Gathering 2008 S/A, p.38, with permission

One: Come, let us worship God. As God can be felt in the beauty of flowers, in the gentle summer breeze that rocks the hammock, and in the starry nights, so is God felt in this place.

All: We come to reconnect, to remember those who hold a special place in our hearts and our memories. May this time of worship be a blessing to us, so that God may be known, in our lives, in this place, and in the world.

***Hymn: Blest Be The Ties That Bind**

VU # 602

Opening Prayer – A. Warren, Gathering 2008 S/A, with permission
Gracious God, we thank you that you desire to live in relationship with the human family. Bless us as we gather to worship you. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may hear again the story of your love for us and all that you have made. Bless us, heal us, and transform us, so that we might know that we are both loved and are called to be vehicles of your grace in your world. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 116

VU # 836

Colossians 1:1-14

Reader: Perry Fee

Musical Offering: "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban

Meditation "Living In The Light"

***Hymn: In The Bulb There Is A Flower VU # 703**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting Candles of Remembrance

Invitation to offer our gifts in support of the work of the Cemetery Board

***Offering Hymn: We Give You But Your Own VU # 542**

***Offering Prayer: Creator, Source of all life, accept these gifts, and bless them with your grace, that they may be used to your glory, and in loving memory of those who have gone on to eternal rest in you. Amen.**

***Hymn: We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection VU# 586**

***Commissioning** - Celebrate God's Presence, with permission
One: God is with us. **All: God's love unites us; God's purpose steadies us; God's Spirit comforts us. Blessed be God forever.**

***Benediction**

Music to inspire us on our journey

Thank you for attending today's service and Allison Houston for providing the musical accompaniment for our worship.

IN MEMORIUM

Today we remember all of our loved ones who are deceased, particularly those who have been laid to rest in Stittsville United Church Cemetery since our last cemetery service.

Jacqueline Diane Allan	Dawn Marie Argue
Velma A. Atkey	Merrill Howard Bruce
Beverly E.R. Cluff	Brenda Anne Davidson
K. Marilyn Ferguson	Bonnie Harris
John Kenneth MacQueen	Campbell Morely
Margaret H. Page	Luella Parent
Claude Gervin Sheldrick	Lowell John Henry Smith
Marjorie Speake	Barbara Stimpson
Sharon Lorraine Thoms	Mary Warren

We also remember those not interred in our cemetery, whose funeral or memorial service was conducted at Stittsville United, or by the Minister on behalf of the congregation.

We offer our thanks to the members of the Cemetery Board who offer their time and talents in the care and upkeep of the cemetery.

Chair: Perry Fee	Secretary: Frank Argue
Treasurer: Shawn Argue	Member: Glendon Moore
Member: Eric Moore	Member: Ron McLelland
Member: Wray Lamb	Member: Current Minister