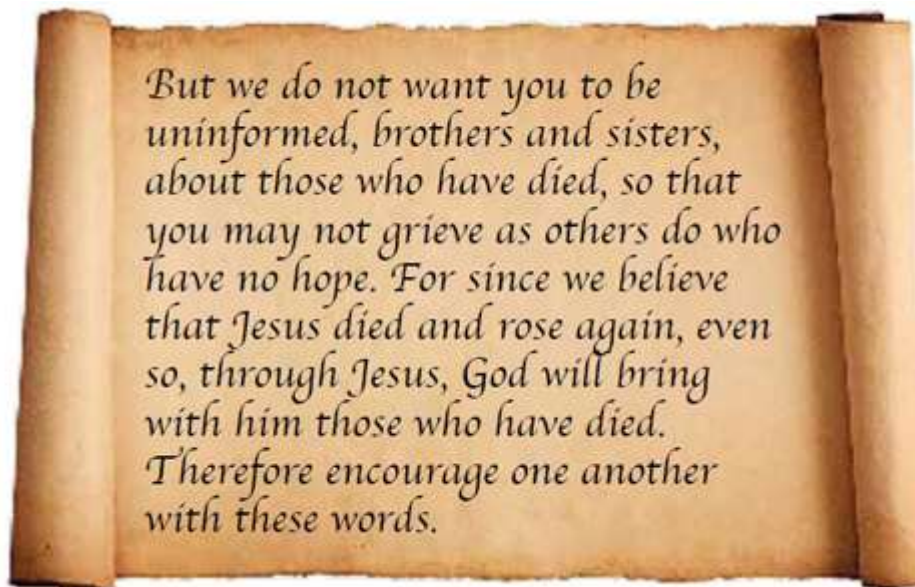


Children and family talk for 8th November 2020 Remembrance service.

Good morning, and welcome to the children and family worship from Christ Church URC, Rayleigh.
Let's begin by talking to God:

*God, help us to bring
our whole selves to you:
our joys and our sorrows,
our hopes and our regrets,
knowing that you love all of us,
just as you love us all. Amen.*

Our Bible reading today is from Thessalonians, Chapter 4, verses 13, 14 and 18



Let's praise God now as we sing: (JOIN IN THE ACTIONS).

My Lighthouse

by Rend Collective

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) X2
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
(You are my light)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Fire before us, You're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms {X4}

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore

Songwriters: Gareth Gilkeson, Chris Llewellyn

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Let's talk about poppies!

Today is Remembrance Day which is why people are wearing poppies. They do this every year and it started at the end of the first world war after many people had died fighting for their country, leaving their families behind. Of those people who did make it back home, many were badly injured or disabled or found they did not have jobs to return to and so were unemployed. An American lady called Moyna Michael, read a poem written by Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian who had served in the war as a medical officer. The poem started like this:

*'In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place...*

Moyna was so moved by the poem that she wrote some more words for it and decided that the poppy would be a good way of remembering those who had died and raising some money. She persuaded the British Legion that this would be a good plan and so they began raising money through the poppy appeal. The first poppies sold here were made in France from red crepe paper and wire, but later the British Legion began to make their own in factories which they opened to employ former servicemen.

Today we remember those who died and those who still suffer from the effects of war and fighting, and we hope that the time will come when the causes of war will be resolved and people will live in peace.

Praying together

Lord God, on this day, although we cannot fully understand, we thank you for men and women who fought and died to defend their country. Help us to be peace makers wherever we go, whatever the cost. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's all do the Grace together, follow me for the actions

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands)

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen! (raise hands together on the Amen)

The children's sheet from Roots:

<https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/21501/08-nov-2020-childrens-sheet.pdf>