

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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Live Stream begins at 9:15 A.M.
YouTube and Facebook

WE GATHER

Prelude "Give Me Jesus" - **Marg Ross**

Welcome / Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

*We acknowledge the unceded and all lands that we live upon -
and give thanks for all the generations of people who have
taken care of these lands before us and still do with us today.
May we be open to historical Truths and may we continue to
learn from the past, shape our present time and build a better
world with all People. Amen.*

Spiritual Focus

""The Gifts RECEIVED are ALSO our RESPONSIBILITY..."

WE APPROACH GOD

Gathering Call: The heavens declare the glory of God!
The skies proclaim God's handiwork. The day pronounces
God's glory without a sound, the night expounds God's
knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out
through all the earth. Let us join our voices with the voice of
creation in declaring God's glory!

Gathering Song VU 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
(Thanks to Golden Ears United Church, Maple Ridge, B.C. for providing this video)

Call to Confession: Let us boldly confess our sins before the
One who already knows our errors and is gracious to forgive
our hidden faults.

Prayer of Confession (All): Rescuing God, you brought us out
of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery.
Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery,
making divine the machine of production,
crafting idols from the excess of consumption.

Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand
that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining
ourselves by our ability rather than your love.

Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little
that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves,
exposed, without the cloak of productivity.

Forgive us when we deem our species so central
that we do not rest and halt consumption, destroying Earth,
denying her Sabbath and integrity.

Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the
brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence,
creation, and community. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness: Righteousness does not come
from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes
from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our
Lord, we are forgiven.

OUR GIFTS TO THE WORK OF GOD

MV 182 "Grateful"

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Invitation to the Offering (One): The works of the Lord are
wondrous indeed. Let us offer back to God a portion of
what has been given to us, for the glory of God's name.

Our Offertory: *Partnering with God to help Miracles be Visible.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication: As the bride offers all that she is and all that she has to her bridegroom, so we offer ourselves to you, our heavenly bridegroom. May these offerings increase our joy and reflect your glory. **Amen.**

WE SEEK WISDOM

MV 12 *"Come Touch Our Hearts"*

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Prayer of Illumination: God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened and our souls revived. We pray humbly. **Amen.**

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 (NRSV)

Word of Life: *"Human Rebellion, Justice & Love..."* Rev. Takouhi

WE SHARE GOD'S BANQUET

"Give Me Jesus" Rev. Takouhi

Prayers of Communion/Hope & Healing - *(Background Music-Marg Ross "Give Me Jesus")* **The Prayer of Jesus:** 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 those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sharing the Elements

Jesus the Bread of Life

Jesus the Cup of the New Covenant

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD WITH HOPE

Commissioning & Benediction

MV 95 *"How Deep the Peace"* (LicenSingOnline CCLI)

Our Churches United
The Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



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World Wide Web - Virtual Church

World Communion Sunday