

# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge

### **Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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August 22nd, 2021

**GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND**

Ministers: All of God's People  
Pulpit Supply: Liz Church

**August 22, 2021 - Pentecost 13**

• • *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

**Welcome, Announcements and Acknowledging the Land**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**God in My Week - Sharing and Caring - Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Spiritual Focus: Our Hope Is The Solid Rock**

**Gathering Song: MV 137 – "Welcome Jesus, You Are Welcome"**

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome in this  
world made hard by fear;  
loving reach us, living teach us, Jesus,  
you are welcome here.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome in the  
ghettos we have made;  
give the tattered, bruised,  
and battered winter shelter, summer shade.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome with the  
wealthy and the poor;  
give the broken love unspoken,  
open wide each prison door.

Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome.  
Let your loving light appear.  
In our seeing, in our being,  
Jesus, you are welcome here.

*Welcome to all who have joined together in worship today.*

**Consideration for All:** As we gradually return to public worship, we reiterate that Covid-19 is still a reality in our society. We must continue to maintain social distancing rules and hand sanitizing as needed. **WE ARE NOT YET BACK TO THE PREVIOUS NORMAL WAY OF DOING THINGS IN THE CHURCH BEFORE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.** We will continue to adopt a gradual, considered, and structured approach to our public worship, until further notice.

**Music in the Park – Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**2:00 to 4:00 pm.**

**Heritage Park, Elgin**

**Morgan Wright and Graham Lowe**

All are Welcome No admission Charge

Bring Your Own Chair

Covid Protocols will be in Place

Rain Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 /2-4 pm.

Sponsored by: Elgin and Area Heritage Society

**Thank you to the Profile Committee, for all your prayerful endeavours as we move toward seeking a minister for our Pastoral Charge.**

**A further thank you is extended to Wayne Harris and Rev. Arlyce Schiebout for time and insights they have provided.**

**Please remain after our worship service to share in the presentation by our Profile Committee.**

## **Commissioning and Blessing - A Prayer for Hope**

Our Lord, You have given us hope. With Your strong and gentle hands, You shape our lives. Take our common lives and touch them with Your Grace, that we may nourish hope among Your people. We pray this in Your Loving Name. Amen

**Postlude** – Music by Morgan Wright

## **WE APPROACH GOD**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: Holy Spirit, hear us.

**All: May our praise this day be a sweet offering to You.**

One: Holy Spirit, nudge us.

**All: Teach us the words that will bring glory to Your name.**

One: Holy Spirit, help us.

**All: To be the people You have called us to be – Your Example in this world. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day: (Together)**

We come into Your Presence this day, O God. And with open hearts we give this worship to You. Search our hearts and know our thoughts. If there be anything blocking our time with you this day, clear it from our minds as we focus our love on You. Grant us Your presence and peace. Amen

## **WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM**

**All: Our ears and hearts are open to the Word of God.**

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 40 – Selected Verses

### **Responsive Hymn – MV 90 – “Don’t Be Afraid”**

Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger  
than your fear.

Don't be afraid.  
My love is stronger  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near. **(Repeat)**

New Testament Reading – Acts 16: 1-15

**Ministry of Music – People Get Ready – Morgan Wright**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Sermon: What is your name? Christian

#### GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

### Offertory Invitation

#### Offertory Hymn - VU 288 – “Great is thy faithfulness”

1. Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Chorus

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.

Chorus

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

Dear Holy One – You have given Your all and we want to say Thank You. We ask that the gifts we present to You this day will be used, in the growing of Your Kingdom. Take our hearts, our minds, our strength, and our spirit and add them to the building blocks that there may be room for all, that all may be welcome and that all may find comfort in the Kingdom you build. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

#### WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### Prayers of the People

#### Story Time: The Hope That Went Ignored

#### Closing Hymn: VU 684 – “Make Me Channel of Your Peace”

1. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

Refrain

*O Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

3. Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.