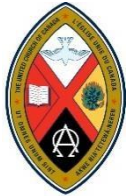


GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Pam Newton

Ministers: All of God's People

✠ indicates when those who are able will please stand

May 4th – Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgment

This land where we live has been home to countless Indigenous people before us. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between all nations.

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Call to Worship: Psalm 30 (see insert)

✠ Gathering Hymn - VU # 34
“Come Now, O God of Peace” (Love) (Hope)

Passing the peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle today to remember the light of Christ, the One who brought us hope and salvation. Let us take this Light and share it with the world.

✠ Opening Hymn – VU # 334
“All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name”

Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. We worship You. We adore You. May this service of worship and praise be acceptable, O God. Bless us as we share together, that we might be strengthened and equipped to serve you.

✠ Illumination Hymn – VU # 371
“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Scripture:

Reader: Open your hearts and minds to God's Word.

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Acts 9: 1-30 (ESV)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Illumination

Reflection – Has Anyone Called You Lately?

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✠ Offertory Hymn - VU # 538- “For the Gift of Creation ”

Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Provider, thank You for all You have provided for us. Take our offerings this day. Accept them as our gift to You. Lead us to use them to extend Your Kingdom here on earth. Amen

✠ Closing Hymn – MV # 161
“I Have Called You by Your Name”

Commissioning

Dearly Beloved! God called us to worship and we came. And now we depart from here. May the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you as you answer His call. Continue your worship in thought, word and deed as you share the blessing of peace, love and hope to those you meet.

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.”

✠ Choral Blessing – MV # 218- “May the Love of the Lord ”

The Young @ Heart breakfast club will meet this month on Thursday, the 15th of May at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. If you want to come, and all are welcome, let Clint or Ted know by noon the 14th of May so we can reserve spots for us.....Ted

The Bible Discussion Groups meet on Monday at 6:30 pm at Portland UC & Tuesday at 10:00 am in Elgin at the Guthrie House. All are welcome. Info: ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



*Portland Hall
& Library
Grand Opening*

Saturday May, 17th 2025
1:00PM to 4:00PM
24 Water Street, Portland

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 1:00PM
Music by Eddie & The Stingrays 2:00PM to 4:00PM
Light refreshments
Fun activities for all ages!



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May 4th, 2025