

**GROWING, CARING, MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
Guest Clergy: Rev. Shaun Seaman
Pianist: Liz Theobald

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

June 15, 2025

WE WELCOME GOD

Welcome, Announcements

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

Acknowledging the Traditional Territories

We acknowledge the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We acknowledge this territory in recognition of and respect for Aboriginal Peoples. Holy Spirit help us enter a constellation of relationships beyond territorial acknowledgments. Help us to move forward in achieving right relationships with Indigenous Peoples, with the land, and with the environment. **Amen.**

Call to Worship: "Come Now and Worship" led by Rev. Shaun.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light this candle, we remember God's love for us...

All: And that we will take the light of Christ with us out into the world, to share God's love in all that we do and say.

✦ **Opening Hymn: VU 447 "O God of Life"**

WE APPROACH GOD

Ministry of Music:



WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Sacrament of Baptism Lilyana Kathleen Mustard and
Ellsy Jean Mustard

The Baptismal Benediction VU 454 "May God Who Creates You"

✦ **Hymn: VU 450 "Here at This Font"**

Prayer of Illumination

Healing God, You who through countless ages respond to the cries and yearnings of all Your children, hear our questions today, as we wonder and discern, as we seek our inspiration to become new beings in Christ. Imitating Jesus' teaching and example, we would be renewed. Help us to hear with open ears and see with unveiled eyes. Amen.

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-15 NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: All God's Children

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

✦ **Hymn: VU 365 - "Jesus Loves Me"**

GOD'S MISSION — OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ **Offertory Hymn: MV 191 "What Can I Do"**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

No matter how we try, God of All, we can never give to You what You have given to and for us. But with these gifts, take our hearts, our minds, our strength, and our spirit and add them to the building blocks of Your kingdom, 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

✦ **Closing Hymn: MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"**

✦ Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: VU 214 - "May God's Sheltering Wings"

Father's Day. A special shout-out to all parents and parental figures past, present, and future.

The Bible Discussion Group meetings will go on hiatus for the summer. The weekly meetings will resume on September 8th & 9th. They will continue to follow their Bible reading planners throughout the summer, and we look forward to continuing lively discussions in the Fall. If you are interested in joining us or receiving a daily Bible readings planner, please contact Jim Barton- ccjimnbarton@gmail.com. All are warmly welcomed.

Elgin United Church is hosting the livestreaming of the E.O.O.R.C. 100th Anniversary Service on June 15th. The service starts at 11 so anyone wanting to watch the entire service should be at the church by then.

The Young @ Heart Breakfast Club will meet again on the 19th of June at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. All are welcome, and if you would like to join us, let Clint or Ted know by noon on the 18th so reservations can be made.....Ted

Eastern Ontario Outaouais Region UCW – 83rd Summer Event July 25, 26, 27, 2025, is being held at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Centre, Cornwall, Ontario. If you want more information, please see the bulletin board.

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OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



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Sacrament of Baptism



Lilyana Kathleen Mustard

and

Ellsy Jean Mustard



Minister: *(Mark 10:13-14a)*

People were bringing little children to Jesus. The disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw this, he was outraged and said to them...

All: “Let the little children come to me”

Minister: Members and friends in Christ, we gather to celebrate God’s Presence, and the gift of Grace through the Sacrament of Baptism. Ordinary elements such as water help us experience a Sacred moment through The Spirit.

All: **We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the Creator of the Universe, who continues to create in us, through us and with us.**

Minister: There is One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God, Creator of us all.

Member of UCW On behalf of the congregation of Portland United Church, I present Lilyana Kathleen Mustard, the daughter of Alexander William Mustard and Emily Elizabeth Mustard for initiation into the Body of Christ.

Member of UCW: On behalf of the congregation of Portland United Church, I present Ellsy Jean Mustard, the daughter of Eric Christian Mustard & Brittany Finch Mustard for initiation into the Body of Christ.

Commitment of Parents

Minister: : Alexander William Mustard & Emily Elizabeth Mustard, and Eric Christian Mustard & Brittany Finch Mustard, today is a special day. You have decided to baptize your daughters. The act of Baptism is accepting the claim that your child is called **Beloved by God**, and you accept this gift with Gratitude. As parents, you are entrusted to nurture and guide your child in the Path of God’s Light. I ask you now, in the presence of God and of this community:

Do you confess your faith in God as Creator; Jesus the embodiment of God’s Love; and the Spirit God’s presence in and among us?

Parents: We do.

Do you commit yourselves to follow the way of Love as demonstrated in the life of Jesus in your private and public life?

Parents: We do.

Will you support the life and work of the church in this community and/or wherever you are found?

Parents: We will.

Will you share your faith with your children, and ensure that the compassionate teachings of Jesus are planted in them?

Parents: We will.

Commitment of Godparents

Minister: **Eric Christian Mustard & Brittany Finch Mustard**, godparents of **Lilyana** and **Alexander William Mustard & Emily Elizabeth Mustard**, godparents of **Ellsy**. Do you promise to support and encourage these parents to nurture their child in the knowledge and the love of God?

Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Minister: Sharing your faith is the most precious gift. We are glad to hear and witness your commitment to this important vocation.

Commitment of Congregation

Congregation, please stand.

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church, let us covenant with these families and one another.

✠ **All:** **As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves anew to nurture and support one another. We say together the New Creed: We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

A New Creed - The United Church of Canada, General Council, 1968

Congregation, please be seated.

Pouring of Water

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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