

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: Pam Newton

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

June 22, 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

✦ Opening Hymn: VU 402 "We Are One"

WE APPROACH GOD

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.**

✦ Hymn: VU 271 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Ministry of Music:



WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

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: Genesis 4: 1-16 NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Story of Cain and Abel

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer

✦ Hymn: VU 264 - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GOD'S MISSION — OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ Offertory Hymn: VU 540 - "Grant Us, God, the Grace"

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: VU 236 - "Now Thank We All Our God"

✦ Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: MV 218 - "May the Love of the Lord"

PORTLAND USHERS - 2025

If you are unable to usher, please trade with someone and, if known by Thursday, contact the Church Office at 272-2002.

DUTIES OF USHERS AND ASSISTANTS

Visitors receive their first impressions of the church from the ushers.

Ushers should be on hand to assist in any way.

Pre Service

1. Arrive by 8:45 a.m. for the 9:15 a.m. service.
2. Turn on all sanctuary lights
3. Put a clean glass of fresh water for the Minister at the pulpit.
4. Verify that the amplifier in the Friendship Room is turned on. Let AV people know if not.
5. Distribute Orders of Service and greet worshippers as they arrive.
6. Light the two tall oil candles at the front of the Sanctuary 5-10 minutes before the service is to begin.

During Service

7. Verify the exterior door to the Friendship Room is fully closed for the service.
8. Seat late comers at appropriate times during the service - but not during the reading of the scriptures or during Prayers.
9. See that the door between the Friendship Room and the Sanctuary is closed during the service.
10. During the offertory hymn and prayer, one usher stands at the front with the offering plate and either gives it to the worship leader (if they receive it) or places it on the Communion Table.

After Service

11. Candles are to be extinguished at the end of the service. Please do not use the snuffer on oil candles.
12. Make a sweep of the pews, collecting Orders of Services and straightening hymn books, etc.
13. Turn off all lights in the Sanctuary after people have left, and all the other lights as well if you are the last one to leave.
14. Be near both doors as worshippers depart, and if possible, introduce visitors to the Minister. Remember to be generally helpful.
15. Be sure that the front door of the church (back of the Sanctuary) is closed properly and locked before you leave the Sanctuary. The door off the friendship room will be closed by others (unless you are the last to leave.)

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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