

**GROWING, CARING, MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People

Leader: Liz Church

Pianist: Janet McKeage

✠ indicates for those who are able, please stand

June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements

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

Acknowledging the Traditional Territories

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✠ Praise and Worship: MV # 13 – O Let the Power Fall on Me

✠ Passing the peace

Hymn: VU # 579 – The Church is Wherever God's People

Opening Prayer

Our gracious Lord, You have already heard Your people asking for strength, courage. We acknowledge that You are the source of living. You are the Giver of Life. May all we say and do this day bring honour to You. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus is the Light of the World. We are His ambassadors. As God's representatives, we must share this Light with all humanity. Show God's love in all you do and speak. Shine bright.

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

✠ Hymn: VU # 376 – Spirit of the Living God

Prayer of Illumination (All)

Holy One, you are the One who gives us life and peace. As we read these written truths this day, may we aspire to keep them in our hearts, and share them with others. Bring them to our remembrance that your name will be glorified. Amen

Scripture

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

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Ezekiel 36:26-28 New Living Translation

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Ministry of Music

Reflection: 'Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.' - Robert Baer

Hymn: VU # 400 – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of The People

Communion (see insert)

GOD'S MISSION/ OUR GIFTS

Offertory Hymn: VU 537 - Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

✠ Closing Hymn: VU # 481 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

✦ Commissioning

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✦ Benediction

And now may the God who created us, the Christ who has saved us, and the Holy Spirit who guides and protects us each day, bless, preserve, and keep us for this day and forevermore. Amen.

✦ Choral Blessing - VU # 684 – Make Me A Channel

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.

UCW Meeting on Tuesday, June 10th @ 1:30 p.m. @ 24 Polk Crescent. Sheila has kindly offered to host us at her place. She will provide the snacks, so I will do the devotion. We have some important business to address.

Plans are underway for Elgin United Church to host the livestreaming of the E.O.O.R.C. 100th Anniversary Service on June 15th. Details for the livestream will follow closer to the event. There will not be a regular service in Elgin on either of those Sundays. June 1st - 100th Anniversary is being held at the Delta Fair Grounds (inside).

Portland United Church will have a Baptism service for Lilyana Mustard and Ellsy Mustard (Cucheran Family) on June 15th @ 9:15, Rev. Sean Seaman.

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

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COMMUNION SUNDAY – JUNE 8, 2025



Hymn: VU # 466 – Eat This Bread

Prayer:

To You, dear Lord, the giver of life, we ask you to bring fresh meaning to the sanctity of these shared moments. May Holy Spirit speak to us so that this bread and drink may be for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Preparing to Receive the Sacraments

Through the sacrifice of Christ, our relationship with God was restored. We were given a Gift beyond comprehension.

Today we are invited to come again and dine with our Lord.

As we share this simple meal together may you do so in remembrance of Christ and in the joy of sharing together as a community of believers

Sharing the Meal

We remember how on the night before He died, Jesus sat at the table with His friends, took bread, blessed it,

and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “take and eat, this is My body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper He took a cup of wine and, after giving thanks, gave it them and said: ‘Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’

(The elements are received through intinction)

Leader: The Body of Christ

Congregant: The Bread of Life

Leader: The Blood of Christ

Congregant: The cup of blessing

Prayer (ALL)

Thank You, our Creator, for the gift of Your Son. We have shared together in fellowship and communion. Guide us to give encouragement to those around us, and to share the message of peace to all. Amen

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