

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Welcome

Announcements/ Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment

What a beautiful land we live on. For thousands of years, it was taken care of by the Indigenous people who lived here. And then it changed hands, many times through treaties that were broken promises. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between all peoples.

✠ Gathering Hymn – VU – page 820 – Psalm 100
“Make a Joyful Noise”

Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: We gather in the presence of God, and with Jesus, whose love and peace gives light and hope on our journey.

All: In the lighting of our Christ candle, we are reminded to share Christ's love with everyone.

✠ Opening Hymn – VU # 326 – “O For A Thousand Tongues”

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gladly bow before You and acknowledge that You are our Saviour and Lord. We offer this worship service to You in honour and gratitude for all Your blessings. Amen

✠ Offertory Hymn – VU # 540 – “Grant Us God The Grace”

Offertory Prayer

Dear Creator of all – We bring to You the gifts of our hands. Thank You for Your daily provision. Accept this offering and use it for the growing of Your Kingdom. Amen

✠ Illumination Hymn – VU # 501
“Break Now the Bread of Life”

Prayer for Illumination – VU # 502 (together)

Eternal God, open our minds to hear Your Word, our hearts to love Your Word, and our lives to be obedient to Your Word, through the power of Your Spirit and the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Scripture

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

All: We listen with joy as the Scripture is read this day.

Scripture: Psalm 66: 1-9 New International Version;
Galatians 6: 1-10, 14-18 Living Bible (adapted)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection: Shout to the Lord

Prayers of the People – VU # 525

Eternal God,
whose image lies in the hearts of all people,
we live among peoples
whose languages are different from our own,
whose faiths are foreign to us,
whose ways we fail to understand.
Help us to remember
that You embrace all people with Your love,
that all religion is a response to You,
that the yearnings of other hearts
are much like our own, and are known to You.
Help us to recognize You
in words of truth, things of beauty,
and actions of love about us.

**We pray in the name of the One who calls us
to be neighbour and friend. Amen**

(Based on a prayer by Robert H. Adams, Jr., 1965)

The Lord's Prayer

✦ **Closing Hymn**

VU # 481 – “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

✦ **Closing Prayer – VU # 257 (together)**

**Eternal God,
Light of the minds that know You,
the joy of the hearts that love You
and the strength of the wills that serve You:
Grant us so to know You that we may truly love You,
so to love You that we may fully serve You,
whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen**

(Augustine of Hippo, 5th century bishop and theologian, adapt.)

Commissioning

Today, as you leave this beautiful sanctuary, I remind you that you go out in the strength of the Lord. May you be compelled this week to share the Gospel with many. And may you feel the encouragement of others as you proclaim your faith to the world.

Benediction

May you know God’s abiding love in your heart. Feel His Presence as you walk through the days ahead. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen

Choral Blessing - “Go Now In Peace”



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