## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Leader: Liz Church
Pianist: Gary Bracken

Ministers: All of God's People

† indicates when those who are able will please stand

#### Welcome

#### **Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### Territorial Acknowledgment

This is God's land. We gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land. We acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

• Gathering Hymn – MV # 18 – "Lord, Prepare Me"

#### Call to Worship: - Psalm 64, selected verses

Leader: O God, you are my God.
ALL: Earnestly I seek you.

Leader: I have seen you in the sanctuary.
ALL: And beheld your power and glory.

Leader: Because your love is better than life,

ALL: My lips will glorify you.

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live.

ALL: and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Leader: Because you are my help,

ALL: I sing in the shadow of your wing.

Leader: O God, you are my God.
ALL: Earnestly I seek you.

\* Opening Hymn- VU page # 766 - " Psalm 42 - As the Deer"

## Passing the peace

#### <u>Lighting of the Christ Candle</u>

As we kindle this Christ candle, we are encouraged with the knowledge that Christ came into this world and remains with us as the Light of the world. And we are inspired to carry this Light within us, as we share Jesus with all whom we encounter.

♦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 356 – "Seek Ye First"

### Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Isaiah 55: 6-13 New Living Translation Matthew 6: 25-34 New Living Translation

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

## **Ministry of Music**

#### Prayer of Illumination

Our gracious Lord, we have heard your Word this day. And now Lord, we ask You to open our hearts and minds to the teaching set before us. Speak to us through these words. Amen

### Reflection – "We are invited to Drink? Are you thirsty?"

Prayers of the People – VU - page 928 (Donald Daniel, alt)

Gracious God, as people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness: for opportunities not taken, for care not given;

Forgive us, we pray.

For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,

Forgive us, we pray.

For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,

Forgive us, we pray.

For those failings we cannot speak aloud,

Forgive us, we pray.

Gracious God, we seek your healing grace, and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen

#### The Lord's Prayer - VU # 959

#### Offertory - 2 Cor. 9: 6-8

Remember, the man who plants only a few seeds will not have much grain to gather. The man who plants many seeds will have much grain to gather. Each man should give as he has decided in his heart. He should not give, wishing he could keep it. Or he should not give if he feels he has to give. God loves a man who gives because he wants to give. God can give you all you need. He will give you more than enough. You will have everything you need for yourselves. And you will have enough left over to give when there is a need.

(Offering to be received while piano music is played)

## **Offertory Prayer**

Our great God, we offer these gifts back to You. May they be used in growing your kingdom in this community. This we pray in Your holy name. Amen

Closing Hymn – VU page #884"Isaiah 55 – You Shall Go Out with Joy"

## **Commissioning**

It is my prayer for each of you that your thirst for the Lord will never be satiated. Come to the Water daily and drink of His goodness, His love, His peace. It is yours for the taking.

## **Benediction**

May the love of the Lord, the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit be upon you, now and forever.

Choral Blessing – MV # 218 "May the Love of the Lord"

#### **Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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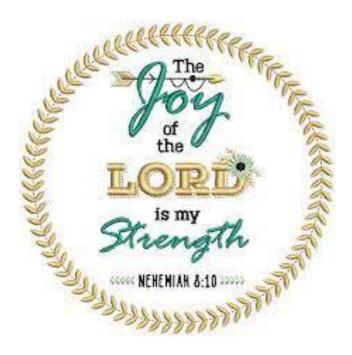
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# **OUR CHURCHES UNITED**

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