

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Pianist: Morgan Wright

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 acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the original nations of this land, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe. We acknowledge with respect, their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

✦ Gathering Hymn – MV # 21 – “Open Our Hearts”

Call to Worship: - Psalm 100 – VU - page 824

Leader: Shout to God all the earth.
ALL: Worship with gladness and joy.

Leader: Come before God with laughter.
ALL: Our Maker, to whom we belong.

Leader: To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep.
ALL: Let us raise our voice in song.

Leader: Come to God's gates with thanks.
ALL: Come to God's court with praise.

Leader: Praise and bless God's Name.
ALL: “Truly You are good:

Leader: You are always gracious,
ALL: And faithful age after age.”

✦ Opening Hymn– MV # 12 - “Come Touch Our Hearts”

Passing the peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle today, to remind us that Christ, who came to bring salvation, continues with us today. We respond by sharing the Light of Christ with the world.

✦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 589 – “Lord, Speak to Me”

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Psalm 130 New Life Version

2 Timothy 3, 4- Selected Verses - New Life Version

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music - "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Words by: Mrs. C.D. Martin

Music: Charles H. Gabriel

Prayer of Illumination

Eternal God, may the words I share today, bring hope and peace. May they challenge all who hear to share these truths with others. This I ask in your most precious Name. Amen

Reflection – “How much courage does it take?”

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU # 236 – “Now thank we all our God”

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, Giver of all good, accept our thanks for Your bounteous gifts to us. For all Your blessings, we thank You. And we give back to You these our gifts that they may be used for the growing of Your Kingdom. Amen.

✦ Closing Hymn – VU # 417 – “God, As We Rise to Leave”

Commissioning

Be courageous. Seek out opportunities to share your faith. Be encouraged by God's promise - I am with you, always.

Benediction

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.—Ephesians 3:20–21.

Choral Blessing – “Go Now In Peace”

Bible Discussion Groups

Two meetings each week. Monday evening at Portland UC at 6:30 - 7:45 and Tuesday mornings at Guthrie House in Elgin (10 Perth St.) at 10:00-11:30. All are welcome to join in the friendly discussions and fellowship. For more information, contact Jim Barton at ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-329-4089.



Free Art Classes in the Portland Village – 6-12 yrs. Monday 4:30-6:30 at the Portland Restaurant & Pizzeria. Visual Art Teacher – Darlene, call to book your spot 905-801-5060.

At the Elgin Municipal Complex, 1:30 pm, Sat Oct 25th. The Elgin and Area Heritage Society hosts a talk by Johanna Lemke, "Enemy Under Our Roof", recounting her memories of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands and her home.

Volunteers wanted. We will be making dough and filling for our tortieres on Monday, Nov. 17 at 10:00 am. Pies on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 9:00 am. More pies and pickups on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 1:30 pm.

Please let Sheila or Connie know if you are able to help.

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