

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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✦ *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

MARCH 1, 2026 – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment

We gather on land first cared for by the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations. We remember that colonization brought injustice and harm. We seek healing and right relationship. We give thanks for their wisdom and stewardship.

✦ Opening Psalm/ Call to Worship – VU p – page 824 / Psalm 100

Refrain # 1: Enter God's gates with thanks and praise

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 voices 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.'

Refrain # 1: Enter God's gates with thanks and praise.

✦ Hymn - MV # 115 - "Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New"

Opening Prayer

Our gracious Lord and Saviour, we bow in your presence. We acknowledge that it is through the miracle of New Birth that we have the desire to come and worship you. Thank you for this gift of salvation. This day, O Holy One, may our offering of praise be acceptable to you. This we pray. Amen

Passing the Peace

✦ Hymn - MV # 156 - "Dance with the Spirit"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle as a reminder that Christ is the Light of the World and we are His messengers. We carry this Light with courage and love into our world.

✦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 382

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayer of Illumination

Good and gracious God, quiet our restless thoughts that we will hear Your voice. May our spirits be renewed and our faith deepened. This we pray in your Holy Name. Amen

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

John 3: 1-17 New Living Translation
2 Corinthians 5: 1-8; 16-21 The Message

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection – You Must Be Born Again!

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn - VU # 544

"In Gratitude and Humble Trust" (Tune: VU # 518 – Forest Green)

Offertory Prayer

We come with gratitude and thankfulness to You our Great Provider. We give willingly of our gifts. Use them for Your glory. This we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn – VU # 372 – “Though I May Speak”

Commissioning

The worship is over. The service is about to begin. Go now into the world in peace; be courageous; do good; support the weak; help those in need; rejoice in the Lord.

Benediction - Hebrews 13:20-21 - Living Bible

And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he who became the great Shepherd of the sheep by an everlasting agreement between God and you, signed with his blood, produce in you through the power of Christ all that is pleasing to him. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Choral Blessing - MV # 215 – “Peace Be With You”

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2nd Sunday in the Lenten Journey