

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

*Leader: Liz Church*

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Ministers: All of God's People

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

Processional – Hosanna!

Welcome

*Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries*

#### Territorial Acknowledgment

This land belongs to God. Our indigenous ancestors had stewardship. And did an amazing job. Then they were mistreated and expelled from much of the land. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships.

#### Call to Worship – (excerpts from Psalm 118)

**Leader:** God is my strength and my song; God is my salvation.

**All:** Bring forth shouts of joy and deliverance.

**Leader:** The right hand of God raises up.

**All:** The right hand of God does mighty things.

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of the temple,

**All:** that I may enter and give thanks to God.

**Leader:** This is the gate of God.

**All:** Through it the righteous shall enter.

**Leader:** This is the day God has made,

**All:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Leader:** With palm branches in hand let us come to the altar.

**All:** You are my God and I will praise you.

✦ Hymn – VU # 123 – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

#### Opening Prayer

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. We celebrate your entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. You were proclaimed Messiah and King by all who spread garments and branches along the way. May our loud Hosannas continue to ring through your church today. Amen

**Raising your palm branches, all the people shout together:  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!**

#### Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light this candle, we acknowledge the presence of Jesus among us – he who came in humility, bringing light to our darkness and hope to our lives.

✦ Hymn – VU # 127 (Tune: VU #100)  
“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

#### Scripture:

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

**All:** We listen to the Sacred Word.

Matthew 21: 1-11 (Good News Translation)

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** May God's Word speak to our hearts this day. Amen

Ministry of Music: "HOSANNA ! BLESSED IS HE" John F. Wilson

#### Prayer of Illumination

Today, Lord, we have sung praises to You with the word “Hosanna” ringing out. Now Lord, as we open Your Scriptures, we ask that you illuminate this word to us. Allow this word to speak to us, we pray. In Your Holy Name, amen.

#### **Reflection - The Hosanna Upheaval**

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU # 542 “We Give You but Your Own”

### Offertory Prayer

We come with gratitude and thankfulness to You, our Great Provider. We praise You for giving us the gift of eternal life. We offer You our hearts afresh. Use us and this offering for growing Your Kingdom. Amen

✦ Closing Hymn – VU # 122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

### Commissioning

*As we leave this place, we follow Jesus not just to the shouting of crowds, but to the foot of the cross. Let us take the spirit of praise into a week of faithful service.*

### Benediction

*Words from VU # 963 - May the grace of Christ attend us, and the love of God surround us, and the Holy Spirit keep us, now and forever. Amen*

Choral Blessing - VU # 425

“God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Recessional – Hosanna!

# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



## Palm Sunday

## March 29<sup>th</sup> , 2026

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