

## GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



### THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Ministers: All of God's People

✦ indicates when those who are able will please stand

**APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> , 2026 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*Welcome*

#### Land Acknowledgement

We are gathered today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land for generations and their enduring connection to it.

#### Opening Prayer

In humility and trust, we bow before you, O Lord. And in the words from your Scripture, we sing:

VU # 959 – The Lord's Prayer

#### Reflection - Peter

✦ Hymn – VU # 626 – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus”

#### Reflection – James & John

##### *The Cup and the Thunder: A Responsive Reading*

Leader: In the upper room, the shadows grew tall, and the Sons of Thunder heard the call. James and John, once bold and loud, sought the highest thrones above the crowd.

Congregation: "Lord, we are able," they once cried, to sit in glory at Your side.

Leader: But here, beneath the ancient wood, the Master did what no king should. He laid aside His robe and crown, and to the dusty floor reached down.

Congregation: With basin, towel, and heart laid bare, He washed away their pride and care.

Leader: "Are you able?" came the quiet plea, "To drink the cup I drink for thee?" The thunder in their spirits stilled, as the cup of sacrifice was filled.

Congregation: No fire from heaven did they call; they saw the Bread of Life for all.

Leader: In John, the love that leaned so near; in James, the strength that conquered fear. The ambition claimed with youthful heat, was bathed in tears at Jesus' feet.

All: The thunder fades to holy rest; a servant's heart in every breast. We take the cup, we break the bread, and follow where the Master led.

#### Reflection – Judas

Choir - "The Upper Room" (Betty/Robert Hughes)

#### Communion

This is the open table of God. All are welcome here.

Leader: May God be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Prayer: O Holy One, we are joined to You. Through the sharing of this bread and cup we offer thanksgiving and praise.

#### Serving of the Elements

On the night before He died, Jesus took the bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, and said,  
"Take and eat; this is my body broken for you.  
Whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup,  
and shared it with His friends, saying,  
"This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for all people.  
Take and drink and remember me."

**Communion served by Intinction**

**Sacrament elder: The body of Christ, broken for all  
(Congregant repeats and eat)**

**Sacrament elder: The blood of Christ, shed for all  
(Congregant repeat and drinks)**

**Prayer:** To you, Jesus, we offer gratitude and love for being our Bread of Life and our Cup of Salvation.

**Choir – “In This Very Room”**

**Commissioning**

From this very room you now take your leave. You have been equipped with the fortification needed – Jesus Christ, your Saviour, Friend, Guide. Stay true, stand strong, share Jesus.

**Benediction – Philippians 4: 6,7**

Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.

**Choral Blessing - MV # 218 – May the Love of the Lord**

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**April 3 - Good Friday**

**Joint Service -7:00 pm at Elgin**

**April 5 - Easter Sunday**

An Easter Sunrise Service on the top of Carl Leggett's drumlin should be on everyone's bucket list! That said, when rain is forecast such as it is this year, being on the top of that drumlin in the dark and with rain coming down, leaves a little to be desired! As such, Portland UC will host a Joint Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge 'Inside' Sunrise Service at 7:45 a.m., followed by a Continental Breakfast.

**Portland Easter Service with Communion - 9:15 am**

**Elgin Easter Service with Communion - 11:00 am**

# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 7:00 pm**

**Portland United Church**