

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*

APRIL 5TH, 2026 – EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome

Reader: He is Risen!

Response: He is risen indeed!

Land Acknowledgment

This land where we live has been home to countless Indigenous people before us. We acknowledge this truth and reaffirm our responsibility for improving relationships between all nations.

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gathering Hymn – VU # 161 - “Welcome Happy Morning”

Passing the peace

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Today as we light our Christ candle, the victory cry rings out: Jesus, Light of the World, you have conquered sin and death. May Jesus Christ be praised!

Prayer

O gracious Lord, with hearts full of joy, we feel so near to you on this most special celebration of Easter. May the love we feel this morning stay with us the rest of the day and always. As we begin this day celebrating Jesus's victory over death, be near to us and continue to guide us as pray together:

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music - "The Angel Rolled The Stone Away"

✦ Offertory Hymn – VU # 538 - “For the Gift of Creation”

Offertory Prayer

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. With joyful hearts, we bring our gifts. Use them to proclaim your victory and to bless your world. In the name of the Risen Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray. Amen.

✦ Illumination Hymn – VU # 164 - “The Day of Resurrection”

Scripture

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Acts 10:34-43 New Living Translation

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Illumination Prayer

O Holy Spirit, open the hearts and minds so we may truly understand and apply the scripture being read. With your guidance help us to perceive the truth of your inclusive grace and the power of the risen Christ, who is Lord of all. Amen

Reflection – A Gospel Without Borders

Prayers of the People

COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

As we celebrate the Easter Season we have a renewed zest in the words from Scripture. It brings to remembrance Jesus' teachings

of love and His sacrifice for us. Our confidence lies in the reality of Christ's resurrection and the promise of new life.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Serving of the Elements

Prayer

And so, in remembrance of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice as we proclaim the mystery of faith in You, Almighty God. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes. May all honor and glory be yours, almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

✠ Closing Hymn – VU # 173 – “Thine is the Glory”

Carry the Light

"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds."

Turn on your light. Allow these tiny beams to symbolize the spread of the resurrection hope this very morning and throughout your life. Be God's light. Carry His love to all.

Choral Blessing - Go Now In Peace

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



April 5th, 2026

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The funeral is taking place on Sunday, April 12th at 1:00pm, reception to follow, at Beechwood Cemetery, 280 Beechwood Ave., Vanier ON.

The Young @ Heart Breakfast Club meets on Thursday the 16th of April at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant.

All are welcome. If you are coming let Clint or Ted know by noon Wednesday, the 15th by whatever means you are comfortable with. See you there.....Ted

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