

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND
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Pianist: Pam Newton

Ministers: All of God's People

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

APRIL 12, 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Acknowledgment (together)

"We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful to live upon these lands. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and the contributions all Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities."

We Welcome God

Spiritual Focus: How do you find the joy Jesus brings?

✦ **Opening Hymn: VU# 345 Come, Children, Join to Sing**

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Leader: Welcome happy morning!
All: We long to sing today's song
Leader: The world longs to hear again the promise announced with the risen sun.
All: He is risen.
Leader: Christ is risen indeed.
**All: God's love has won.
God's Son has triumphed.**
Leader: Welcome happy morning!
All: Christ is risen.
Leader: Christ is risen indeed!
Come let us worship the risen Christ

Opening Prayer

Leader: Christ is Risen!
ALL: He is risen indeed!
Leader: **(Psalm 16:11):** "You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore."
(John 20:19): When the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear... Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

We light the Christ candle to remember that Jesus is the light of the world, shining into all the corners of our lives. As the Psalmist trusted in God's presence, and as the disciple's found peace in the risen Christ, we too find our security in Him.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

ALL: This light breaks through the shadows, which surround us and often clouds our thoughts, and fills us with joy.

Precious Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. May your light burn in our hearts, driving away fear and doubt. Bring us your peace, and guide us into your path of life. Amen

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

✦ **Illumination Hymn – VU# 166 Joy Comes with the Dawn**
(refrain & verse three)

Scripture:

Reader: Open your hearts and minds to God's Word.
All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

Gospel: John 20: 19—31 NSRV UE

Reader: May God bless our understanding of this reading
All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music:



Reflection: "The Knowing Heart"

✦ Hymn: VU# 624 Give to Us Laughter

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

✦ Offertory Hymn - VU# 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Offertory Prayer

✦ Closing Hymn: VU# 87 I am the Light of the World

Commissioning

Choral Blessing – Go Now in Peace

Captain (Retired) John George Cucheran

Funeral Service

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Beechwood Cemetery

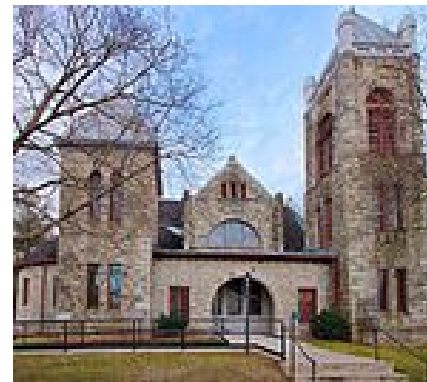
280 Beechwood Avenue, Vanier, ON K1L 7P4

Following the service, a reception will be held at Beechwood in the Borden and Fleming Suites from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In memoriam donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



April 12th 2026