

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

*Leader: Liz Church*

*Pianist: Pam Newton*

Ministers: All of God's People

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

**APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Territorial Acknowledgment

"As we gather for worship today, we acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the traditional territory of Anishinabee an Haudenosaunee. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked on this land, and their relationship with it remains at the heart of their lives and spirituality. We offer our gratitude for their enduring stewardship and seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land—one rooted in honour, deep respect, and the spirit of reconciliation."

Spiritual Focus:

God's Representative in this Changing World

### Call to Worship

VU # 411 "O God We Call"

**Leader:** Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

**All:** Let us clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

### Opening Prayer

Gracious and Holy God, as we gather today, we set our hearts and minds on You. We invite your Spirit to move among us in this space.

Help us today to strip away the distractions, the worries, and the things that create distance between us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Whatever we do in this hour, whether in word or in song, we do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to You. Amen.

✦ Opening Hymn: MV # 79 "Spirit, Open my Heart"

### Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle as a sign of the 'new self' we put on today. This candle is a symbol of the life we share in Him. In this light, there is no division. As this flame burns, center on Christ's peace as He dwells among us.

✦ Hymn – VU # 684 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

### Scripture:

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

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

**Colossians 3: 1-17 Living Bible - Paraphrase**

**Reader:** May God bless our understanding of this reading

**All:** Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

### Reflection: It's time for a 'Wardrobe Change'

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

✦ Offertory Hymn - MV # 538 "For the Gift of Creation"

### Offertory Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging that everything we have is Yours. All that we have has been entrusted to us for a season. Help us to see every blessing as a tool for Your Kingdom and every opportunity as a call to serve. Teach us to hold all things with open hands, seeking Your glory alone. May our lives reflect the truth that You are the source of all good things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✦ Closing Hymn: MV # 212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

### Commissioning

Go now into the world, clothed in the new self that Christ has given you. Be clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and may you be truly thankful. May you be changed from owners into faithful stewards.

### Benediction

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. May the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing you in all wisdom. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Choral Blessing – "Go Now in Peace"

Neve Wells, a Realtor at Rideau Realty, is in the planning stages of hosting a community event on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday of the long weekend. At this event she is hoping to have a community mid-day BBQ and Raffle Baskets with all proceeds going to Portland Food bank. The slogan for this event is "Portland Helping Portland". People are encouraged to have their own yard sales at their homes in Portland and spaces will also be available in Rideau Realty's parking lot for others to set up tables. Owners will keep their profits from the yard sales (unless they wish to donate them to the food bank.) Having the yard sales and the BBQ will help create some traffic for the raffle sales. See Norma with any questions.

#### **Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge**

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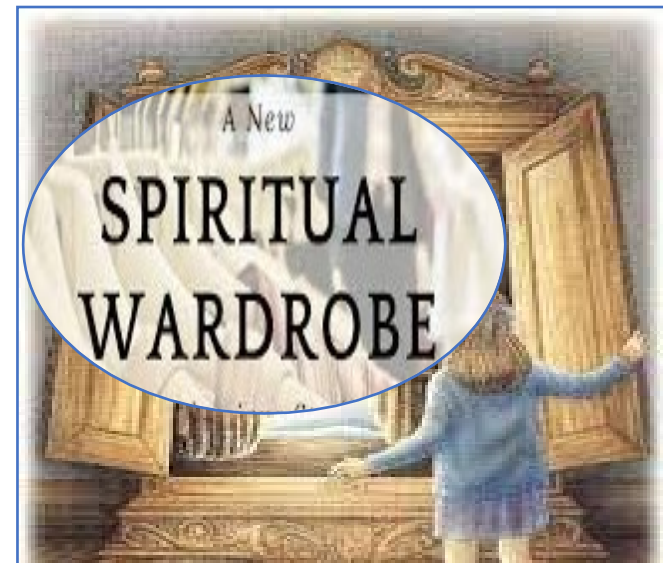
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# OUR CHURCHES UNITED

## Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



April 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

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