

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
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✦ *indicates when those who are able will please stand*

May 31st, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work. We acknowledge this territory in recognition of and respect for Aboriginal Peoples. Holy Spirit, help us enter a constellation of relationships beyond territorial acknowledgments. Help us to move forward in achieving right relationships with Indigenous Peoples, with the land, and with the environment. Amen.

Spiritual Focus:

✦ Opening Hymn: MV #12 - Come Touch Our Hearts

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

Ministry of Music:

WE APPROACH GOD

Lighting of the Christ Candle

One: As we light this candle, we remember God's love for us.

All: And that we will take the light of Christ with us out into the world, to share God's love in all that we do and say.

✦ Hymn: VU #661 - Come to My Heart

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination (All):

Lord, help us to hear these ancient words in a new way that our hearts and minds might be opened to your word in a new way. Amen

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

All: May our ears and hearts be open to God's Word.

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-9 (The Beatitudes)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: You Are Blessed

Prayers of The People – Lord's Prayer

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (All):

Gracious God, we give of ourselves for the same reasons that you offer yourself: to touch lives, care for the poor, lift up the broken-hearted, and bring comfort to those in need. May our giving bring hope, peace, joy, and love to all people. Thank you for inviting us to do this with you. Amen

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

✦ Closing Hymn: MV #142 - A Song Must Rise

Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: VU #424 - May the God of Hope Go with Us

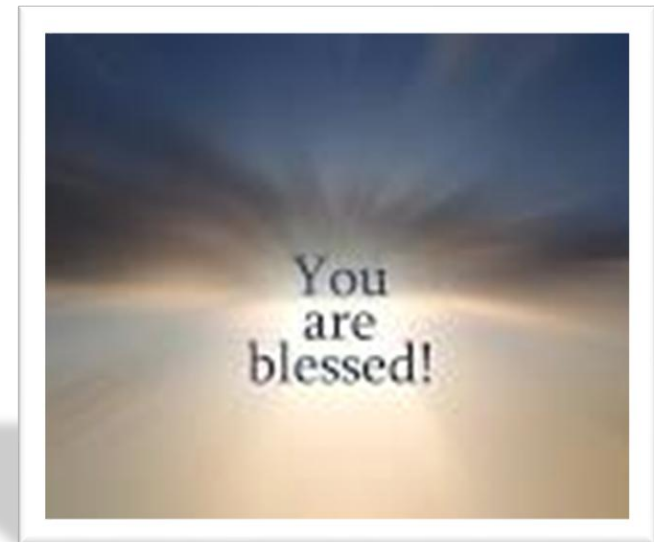
A huge shout out of thanks to all the planners, participants, food providers, helpers and attendees of the Spirit of Pentecost Worship Service May 24th. May the inspiration of collective gathering for worship strengthen our resolve and faith going forward.

Bible Discussions Groups

Two meetings each week - Monday evenings at Portland UC (6:30-7:45PM) and Tuesday mornings in Elgin at the Guthrie House 10 Perth St.; (10:00AM-11:30AM). All are welcome to join in the friendly discussions and fellowship. For more information contact Jim Barton at [ccjimbaron@gmail.com](mailto:cjimbaron@gmail.com) or 613-328-4089

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