

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*

MAY 10TH, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

"We begin our worship today by acknowledging the land on which we gather. For thousands of years, the Anishinabee and Haudenosaunee have walked gently upon this territory, and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. As a community of faith, we recognize that our presence here is part of a complex history. In a spirit of reconciliation, we commit ourselves to a new relationship - one rooted in honour, deep respect, and a shared responsibility to care for all of God's creation."

History of Mother's Day

✦ Hymn - VU # 333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Spiritual Focus: Amazing Love

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments". We gather today to celebrate a love that is not just a feeling, but a life lived in His light.

All: We are witnesses to the depth of love that fills our days.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle to remind us that the Light of the World has come. In this light, we see the "Amazing Love" of a Saviour who promises never to leave us alone. This light is a love light that we carry with us wherever we go.

✦ Hymn – VU # 365 "Jesus Loves Me"

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

John 14: 15-21 J.B. Phillips Translation

Reader: May God bless our understanding of this reading

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music – The Weaver – tribute for Jan

Reflection: "O Love, that will not let me go"

✦ Hymn: MV # 95 "How Deep the Peace"

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn – VU # 542 "We Give You But Your Own"

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we stand in awe of a love that promises never to leave us as orphans. In response to your Amazing Love, we bring these gifts—not out of obligation, but as an act of the love you first showed us.

We ask that you take these offerings and, by the power of your Holy Spirit, multiply them. May they provide comfort to the lonely, food for the hungry, and a witness to the world that Christ is present among us. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Friend. Amen.

✦ Closing Hymn: VU # 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Commissioning

Go out into the world today, not as orphans, but as children of a Living God. You have heard the promise: the Spirit of Truth dwells within you. You have seen the light: the Amazing Love of Christ goes before you.

Go now to keep His commandments— not as a burden, but as a song. Love one another as fiercely as a mother loves her child. Be the hospitality for the stranger and the hope for the weary.

Benediction

And may the God who formed the Earth, the Son who calls you Friend, and the Spirit who breathes life into your soul, bless you and keep you, today and forevermore. May it be so.

Choral Blessing MV # 214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings”

**I struggle so deeply, to understand, how someone can,
pour their entire soul, blood and energy, into someone,
without wanting anything in return.**

—Rupi Kaur

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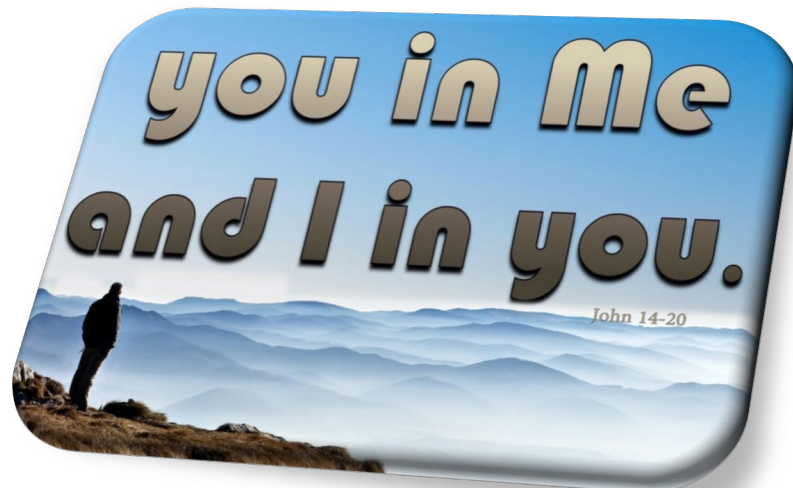
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