

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Ministers: All of God's People
Guest Clergy: *Rev. Shaun Seaman*
Pianist: *Liz Theobald*

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

June 7th, 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: VU #409 - Morning Has Broken

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: VU #509 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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.

Ministry of Music:

✦ Hymn: VU #96 - Will You Come and See the Light

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: 13-16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Salt & Light

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 #209 - Go, Make a Difference

Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: VU #429 May the Blessing of God Be Upon You

Happy Birthday Mackayla Gordanier. May your special day be amazing.

Happy Birthday Maureen Bee. May your day be extra special.

OB Meeting in Portland on June 16th at 7:00 p.m.

PUC Council Meeting on June 17th at 7 p.m.

Bible Discussions Groups

We are taking a break for the summer. This will be our closing session until September.

Monday, 6:30pm Portland United Church

Tuesday, 10:00am Guthrie House, Elgin

For more information contact Jim at ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089

Reminder: There is a **UCW meeting on Tuesday, June 9th at 1:30**. New members would be most welcome. The **UCW has purchased 40 new black stacking chairs for use at the church**. We will be looking to give away the retired wooden stacking chairs. Let a UCW member know if you are interested. **Orders are being received now for our fruit pies**. Exact date they will be ready depends on the strawberries. Please let MJ (613-222-9070) or Connie (613-220-7914) what you would like. Strawberry/rhubarb, cherry or blueberry - again this year \$20.00 frozen ready-to-bake.

The **Portland Food Bank** is actively looking to increase its **volunteer work force** at this time. We are looking for people to assist with the weekly grocery shopping, and someone interested in learning the administration behind the scenes operational processes for our food bank. **Our hope is to have a team of 6 shoppers (we currently have 3) so no one needs to shop every week. Please see Anita Cox or Norma Cummings if you would like to get involved with this worthwhile endeavour.** ALSO, there are 2 items remaining from the May 16th garage sale, a pink bicycle suitable for 9-13 year old and large dog carrier. Make an offer and proceeds will go to Portland Food Bank.

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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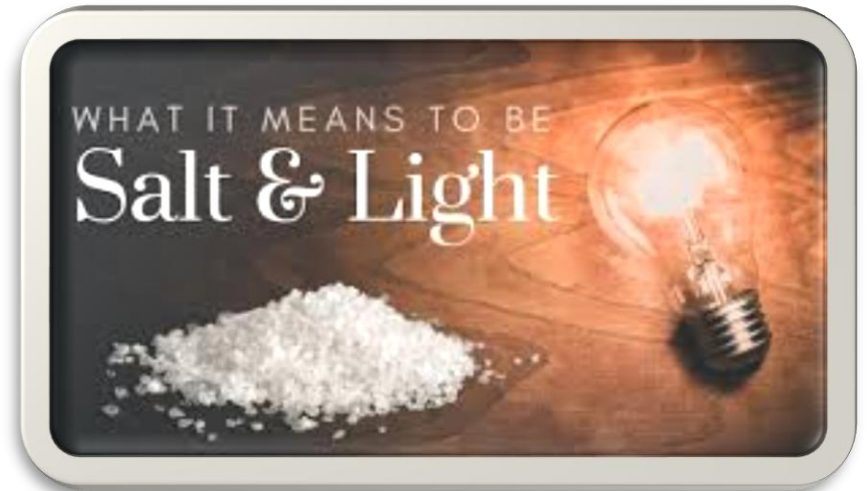
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