

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 14th, 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 #402 - We Are One

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

Hymn: VU #377 - Holy Spirit, Hear Us

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 672 - Take Time to Be Holy

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 6: 5-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Prayer

Prayers of The People – Lord's Prayer

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

✦ Offertory Invitation: VU #538 - For the Gift of Creation

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

Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing: Go Now in Peace

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

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

UCW Fruit Pie Orders Now Open!

The UCW Ladies will soon be baking their famous fruit pies. We are officially accepting orders now.

Pie Options & Details:

- Flavours:
Strawberry-Rhubarb, Cherry, or Blueberry
- Price: \$20.00 each
- Condition: Frozen and ready-to-bake

Note: The exact pickup date depends on the strawberry harvest.

How to Order:

Please contact one of us to place your order:

- MJ: 613-222-9070 - Connie: 613-220-7914

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 613-430-5372 or Norma Cummings 613-430-5372 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.

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