

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Ministers: All of God's People

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

JULY 26TH, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle to remind us of the presence of Jesus.
His light always shines upon us.

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

" We acknowledge that we reside and worship on the traditional territory of the Algonquin, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Huron-Wendat peoples. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people."

✦ Hymn MV 10 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Spiritual Focus: From Humility, Wisdom

Call to Worship

Leader: God is good...

All: All the time.

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Leader: God is with us in the ancient paths of the stars and the solid ground under our feet.

All: God springs forth in each morning and dances in endless possibilities.

Leader: Wherever we are and wherever we go,

All: God is with us!

(used at the 42nd General Council)

Gathering Prayer:

God of all people, Thank You! Thank you for the gift of this day.
May we never take for granted Your enduring love and the grace you bestowed upon us. Your blessings are countless. Amen.

✦ Hymn VU 299 "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

Scripture:

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

All: We listen to the Sacred Word.

1 Kings 3:5-12, James 3:13-18 – the Message Bible

Reader: May God bless our understanding of this reading

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

✦ Ministry of Music

Reflection: "A Listening Heart"

✦ Hymn: VU 642 "Be Thou My Vision"

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn MV 182 "Grateful (refrain only)"

Offertory Prayer

We give these offerings with a sense of gratitude. Thank you for all the gifts of life that we receive. Might we live with generous hearts and may our gifts be used in a wise and loving way. Amen.

✦ Closing Hymn: VU 568 “Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day”

Commissioning

Go out into the world today, with the enthusiasm of a joyful child. Do good to others, with no expectations. Our doing good is our reward. And God will smile!

Benediction

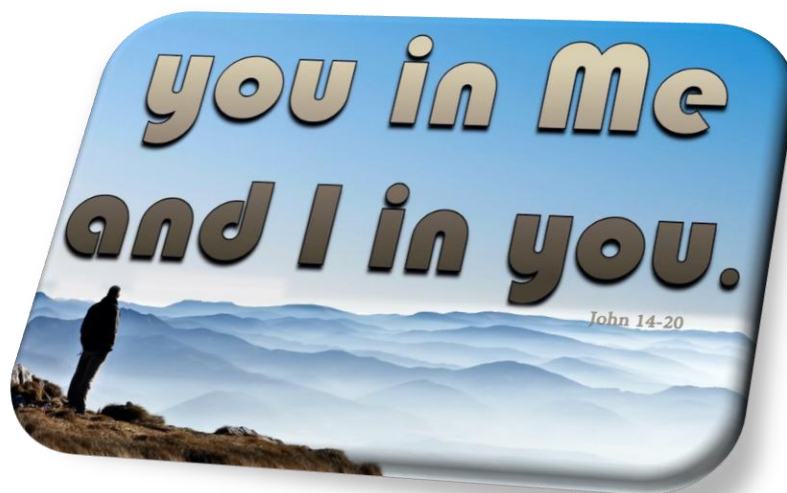
May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Choral Blessing MV 215 “Peace Be With You”

The Portland and Area CEC Invite you to a “Summer Community Picnic” August 3rd, at 12:00 PM. Catered by The Galley. Music by the Beverley Boys, Town Crier competition @ 11 AM. Hanna Memorial Park, 27 Water Street, Portland. Donations appreciated for “The New Playground”

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

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