

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: *Janet McKeage*

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

July 19th, 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:

✦ Gathering Hymn: MV #28 God of the Bible

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

✦ Opening Hymn:
MV #179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together

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: MV #216 Wherever You May Go

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Prayer of Illumination

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: Ruth 1:1-17 Faithful Friends

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: A Persistent God

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 #639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing:
VU # 422 God Be with You till We Meet Again - verse 1

July 18-19 don't miss the Rideau Canal Nautical Heritage Festival in Portland! Boat displays, guided river tours. Three Sisters Market on Saturday morning.

Opening ceremonies 10 am in Hanna Park on Saturday. Sunday Flagpole dedication at 1 pm in Hanna Park.

All 4 local restaurants open for business. Live music!

The Young @Heart Breakfast Club meets this month on Thursday the 23rd of July at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. All are welcome but let Clint or Ted know by Wednesday noon the 22nd if you are coming but any means you are comfortable with.Ted

**MARY'S MERRY MINSTRELS - Saturday, July 25, 7.00 p.m.
Portland United Church 10 Colborne St, Portland**

OUR CHURCHES UNITED

Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge



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