

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: *Gary Bracken*

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

August 16th, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader: 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.

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 #1 "Let Us Build A House"

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer:

✦ Opening Hymn:
MV #65 "When We Are Tested"

WE APPROACH GOD

Ministry of Music:

✦ Hymn: VU #595 "We Are Pilgrims" (The Servant Song)

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: Job 1: 1-5 - NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Some Thoughts on Suffering

Prayers of The People – Lord's Prayer

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

✦ Offertory Invitation: MV #191 "What Can I Do" (Repeat)

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 #418 "Go Forth for God"

Commissioning and Blessing

✦ Choral Blessing:

VU # 429 "May the Blessing of God Be Upon You"

MUSIC LOVERS take note:

"Handbells speak what cannot be expressed..."

Portland United Church which owns a 3-octave set of handbells & chimes is presently seeking a director for this community choir. While a large selection of secular & religious music is available there is also a budget for acquiring new music. For further information please contact:

Katy 613 929-9351 or Jane 613 272-2524; or email office@eppc-ucc.com

The Young @ Heart Breakfast Club meets Thursday the 27th of August at 9:am at the Junction restaurant. All are welcome. If you are coming let Clint or Ted know by noon the 26th so we can reserve a spot for youTed

Bible Discussion Groups

Meetings will resume on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday the 15th following our summer break. We plan to explore the Bible book of Revelation. Study books will be provided. All are welcome to join this study; no prior Bible knowledge is required. If you would like to attend contact Jim Barton 613-328-4089 or ccjimbarton@gmail.com. Meetings are held Monday evenings in Portland 6:30 - 7:45 and in Elgin at 10am on Tuesdays.

Elgin Portland Pastoral Charge

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