

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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

August 30th, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the land we are on was not always ours. First and foremost, it was created by God to be shared with all of creation. In the sharing we have not been considerate of those whose land it was before ours...especially the land belonging to the people of the First Nations. Today we acknowledge their claim as the First Nations people and know that we all need to learn to live and work together to honour those who came before us and to care for one another and this land. Amen

Spiritual Focus:

Even if we "screw up" or worse, God can and does want to use us for good. Moses is the perfect example. Listen for the task that God has for you.

✦ Gathering Hymn: VU #396 Jesus Stand Among Us

Call to Worship:

Reader: Come, fellow worshippers and prepare for an encounter with the Holy

People: We are here but how do we prepare?

Reader: We try to put aside, even for this brief time, all the busy needless things on our mind.

People: Like what's for lunch or what are we going to do this afternoon?

Reader: Yes, those are good examples

People: Ok, we will try to focus on the Holy if only for today.

Reader: God wants our full attention so that we can experience abundance of life with meaning. Come, let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Prayer of Approach (Reader:)

God, we come on this summer day, aware that there are many voices that call us and many possibilities to distract us. And yet we are here. Enable us in our gathered time to find our focus and to open our hearts and minds to what You God want us to learn and grow in our life. Amen

✦ Opening Hymn: VU #222 Come Let Us Sing

Opening Prayer:

Sharing Time:

A Time when you "messed up and it was used for good later".

WE LISTEN FOR WISDOM

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

People: May our ears and hearts be open to God's Word.

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-15 NRSV

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

Sermon: Watch OUT! You may be on God's radar.

Ministry of Music:

Prayers of The People – Lord's Prayer

GOD'S MISSION – OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation:

✦ Offertory Hymn: VU#541 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of Dedication (All):

God, we have received much from you and yet too often we believe that we have earned all that we have by our own labours. May our offering today and each day of the week that is dedicated to your service be a reflection of our gratitude for life itself and of your constant love for us. Amen

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

✦ Closing Hymn: VU #509 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Closing Prayer:

Commissioning and Blessing:

✦ Choral Blessing: **Go Now In Peace**

As summer wraps up, PUC Council would once again like to thank all those who contributed towards sending 4 area youth to Camp IAWAH this summer. Parents and youth have expressed sincere appreciation and thanks for the opportunity to learn, grow and explore their faith with other Christian youth. Thank you for helping to make this happen!

Lap Quilts. We meet 2nd Wednesday of month from Sept. to June from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our next meeting - September 9th.

The picture on the front of the bulletin was created by Stacey Schrattner in advance of this service. Approximately a month later Stacey had a stroke that left her unable to walk unaided or have full use of her left hand. She continues to be in hospital but is improving significantly.

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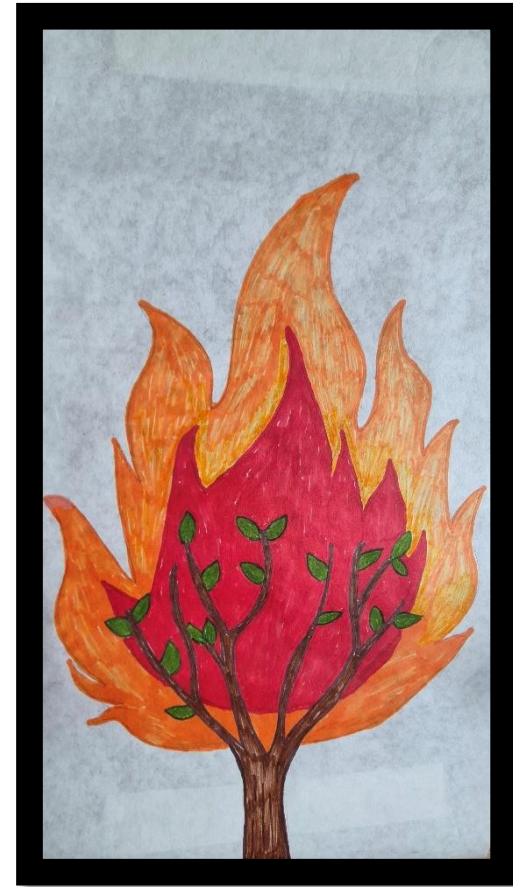
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