

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Guest Worship Speaker: Eleanor Glenn

Pianist: Gary Bracken

Ministers: All of God's People

August 9, 2026 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

In the spirit of truth and alignment, we acknowledge that the land on which our church gathers this Sunday morning is the traditional and unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee people. For generations, they cared for these waters, fields, and skies. Through the eyes of God, we recognize the painful realities of our history - broken covenants, forced displacement, and injustices. May we commit ourselves to true reconciliation, that our land and relationships will be healed.

Gathering Hymn – VU # 642 “Be Thou My Vision”

Call to Worship

Leader: God's truth shows us the true way to live.

People: Let us come to God with honest and open hearts.

Leader: God calls us to walk in His justice and His peace.

People: We lift our praise to the Lord, our steady rock and guide.

Leader: Let us worship God together

Opening Prayer:

Illumination Hymn - VU # 368 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

Scripture: Amos 7: 7-8 (NRSVUE)

Ephesians 2: 19-22 (NRSVUE)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music:

Reflection: Integrity

Prayers of the people

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn – VU # 541

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn – VU # 237 “Let Us Praise the God of Truth”

Commissioning

Go forth into the world with clear hearts and steadfast minds. Walk forward in the light of truth, letting your actions match your deepest confidence in Christ. Allow others to see God's love in you.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you. May the ripple effect of your integrity bring a lasting blessing to everyone you lead and love.

Choral Blessing – "Go Now In Peace"

The Young @ Heart Breakfast Club meets again Thursday the 27th of August at 9 am at the Junction restaurant. Because we hit Stoodley's last month so I asked around and most didn't care but the two that did wanted the Junction. Let Clint or Ted know by Wednesday the 26th if you are coming. See you thereTed

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.

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