

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

Leader: Pat Greenhorn

Pianist: Liz Theobald

Ministers: All of God's People

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

Dear God: As we light this candle, we proclaim that we have life only insofar as we have love, and we have no love except it comes from you. Help us, please, to carry this candle against the winds and darkness of this world. *Adapted from Wendell Berry*

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

O God, we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims and connection to the land. Let us give thanks for this ground on which we stand, and for the wisdom we learn from Indigenous people: that we are one with the earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants. Help us to become good neighbours and stewards together of the community of creation. Amen

Spiritual Focus: You were made for such a time as this

Gathering Hymn: TLUS # 139 Love Over Hate

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to worship the God of compassion.

People: In the midst of a world where there is so much cruelty.

Leader: We gather to proclaim the truth of the gospel of Jesus.

People: In the midst of a world where there are so many lies.

Leader: We gather to witness that God is at work in the world.

People: And that in the end, love and justice will triumph.

All: Glory be to the living God of mercy and grace!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: VU #697 O For a World

Prayer for Illumination: (All)

Mystery of everything that we understand, and most certainly everything that we don't, teach us to rest in this unknowing. In every season and every place, speak and pour out your truth upon us, so that wherever life leads us, we are still there with You, surrounded by Christ-grace, Spirit-breath, and God-provision. Hallelujah for where we are now and where we will be tomorrow. Amen

Ministry of Music:

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

Old Testament:

Isaiah 65: 17-25- The Message

Job 12: 7-9 – The Message

Gospel:

Matthew 7: 7-8- First Nations Version

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Windows and Doors

Hymn: VU #686 God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of the People /sing the Lord's Prayer VU #959

Offertory Invitation:

Offertory Hymn VU # 544 In Gratitude and Humble Trust

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (All)

We pray that these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. May we be united as givers in sharing your love with the world, and to this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen

Closing Hymn: VU #679 Let There be Light

Commissioning and Blessing:

O Divine One, Great Spirit- May you give us the energy and enthusiasm to dance on the paths of life, recognizing that it is joyful persistence that accomplishes much in this world. May that joyful enthusiasm strengthen us for the journey.— Rev. Caleb Lines

Choral Benediction: VU #649 Walk With Me (chorus x2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pat Greenhorn. May your special day be filled with joyous celebration.

The UCW will be making apple pies on September 24th. If you would like to help out we'd love to have you. Let Connie know at 613-220-7914.

The Young@Heart Breakfast Club meets next on Thursday the 24th of September at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. All are welcome and if you are coming let Clint or Ted know by noon Wednesday the 23rd. Hope to see you there.....Ted

Bible Discussion Groups

Two meetings each week. Monday evenings at Portland UC (6:30-7:45PM) and Tuesday mornings at the Elgin Guthrie House (10 Perth St.; 10:00AM-11:30AM). All are welcome to join in the friendly discussions and fellowship. For more information contact Jim Barton @ ccjimbarton@gmail.com or 613-328-4089.

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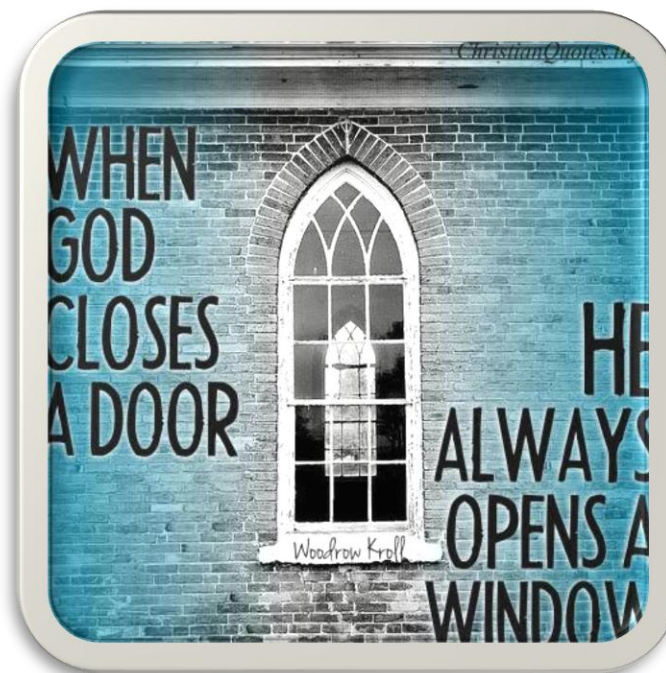
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