

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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WE APPROACH GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ Candle to remind us of the presence of Jesus. His light always shines upon us.

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

One: This land is Sacred.

All: It has been anointed for tens of thousands of years with the dust and bones of all those who lived here before us. As we came here, we were invited to share this land with the original people, with a common love and concern for the land that we would live upon and share, in good ways. To honour the conditions of the Dish-With-One-Spoon wampum treaty, we acknowledge that such Treaty agreements were not to be considered as land surrenders; but to be considered as agreements of sharing together. We are all treaty people. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Gathering Hymn: VU # 313 God Whose Almighty Word

Call to Worship

One: Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus.

All: He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

One: God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name,

All: So, at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Saviour.

One: In our worship, we bring glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator Redeemer and Sustainer.

All: We humble ourselves in praise and offer ourselves in service in Jesus' holy name.

One: Let us pray:

Steadfast God, as the seasons change, we see that you are still at work in the world, transforming hearts and situations. We praise you for all you do to repair injustice, bringing peace to places of hostility, working for goodness to prevail among neighbours and nations. You have shown us the true face of power in Jesus Christ, reaching out with healing and hope to touch desperate lives. Let us see the face of Jesus in this time of worship and fill us with renewed energy and insight this autumn, so that we can join in your work to bring justice and joy into the world you love In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

Hymn: VU # 296 This is God's Wondrous World

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

The Epistle: Philippians 2: 1 – 13

The Gospel: Matthew 21: 23 – 32

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music:



Reflection: Authority

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn VU # 264 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Offertory

Offertory Hymn - MV #182 “Grateful” – refrain only

Prayers of Dedication and of the People:
Who teaches us when we pray to say together, The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn - VU # 242 Let All Things Now Living

Commissioning

Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid for it is our God who goes with us. God will not leave us nor forsake us. And as we go from this place, may the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer, be with us today and every day.

Choral Blessing – MV # 216 “Peace Be With You”

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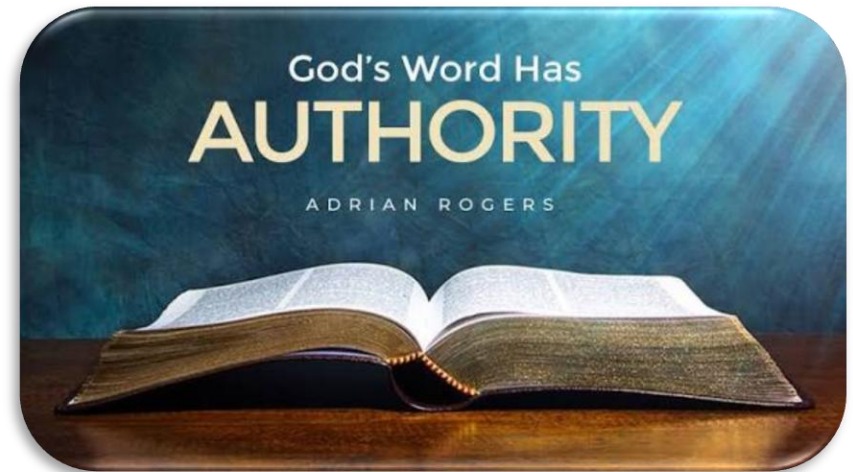
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