

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Pianist: Morgan Wright

Ministers: All of God's People

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Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

Leader: People, people – come and join in!

People: We are here. We are here to worship!

Leader: We light the Christ Candle to remind ourselves of his presence and to celebrate the light he brings into our lives.

People: This candle reminds us that God's light shines among us.

Leader: It is a light that the darkness can never extinguish.

People: As we light this candle, we invite Christ to continue with us.

Territorial Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples, who, for generations, lived in perfect harmony with the land, loving and protecting these sacred spaces. May this inspire us to protect this earth and walk alongside our Indigenous neighbours in truth, respect, and unity.

Gathering Hymn: VU # 579 The Church is Wherever God's People

The Peace of Christ - Greet each other with a hug, handshake or friendly smile

Hymn: MV # 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

Prayer

O, Lord God, we call upon Your holy name. We exalt You. We praise you. We worship You. May this time of worship bring us into a closer relationship with you and open our minds to the possibilities you have in store for us. We pray in your name. Amen.

Spiritual Focus

"The most important audience is an audience of ONE!"

Call to Worship – Psalm 149

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song and lift His praise in the assembly of the faithful!

People: Let us rejoice in our Creator; let the children of God be joyful in their King!

Leader: Praise His name with dancing! Make melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory and salvation.

Leader: Let the faithful exalt in glory; let us sing for joy even in our rest.

All: Let the high praises of God be in our mouths..

Illumination Hymn: MV # 144 Like a Healing Stream

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

Ezekiel 33:7–11

Ephesians 6:5–9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection: Who wants the job of Quality Control Manager?

Prayers of the people/ The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn VU # 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Offertory Prayer

We pray, Lord, that these offerings be used to minister to others who are in need, to comfort the lonely, and heal your creation. Turn our prayers into action as we minister in Your name. Amen

Closing Hymn – VU # 578 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Commissioning

The task you are given is not easy. And you may struggle. But God has given you the promise that He is with you. So, go boldly, in His Name!

Benediction

And I am certain that the blessing of God Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit - our Divine Breath – will go with you now and forevermore. Amen

Choral Blessing – MV # 218 May the Love of the Lord

UCW meeting Tuesday September 8th at 1:30 pm. Everyone welcome. Planning for apple pie making. Mark September 24 at 9:00 am to help us make pies! Don't forget to place your orders!

Elgin United Church Council is called to meet September 15th at 7 pm at Elgin United Church.

Bible Discussion Groups

After a Summer hiatus, meetings resume the week of Sept 14th to explore the book of Revelation. Everyone is welcome. For info contact Jim Barton 613-328-4089.

Please keep Brenda Smith's daughter Lori and their family in your prayers for her success and recovery from chemo treatments she is taking.

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