

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: This candle is lit as a reminder of the light of Christ given to us all, a symbol of God's presence each and every day.

All: For the light of Christ within us and around us, thanks be to God.

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

Gathering Hymn: VU #409 Morning has Broken vs 1 and 3

Call to Worship – Psalm 149

In a world filled with noise, God invites us to make a joyful noise unto Him. Singing praises is our joyful response to His love. When we offer our voices in praise, we are not merely making sound; we are sharing our joy and affection with the Lord. We often find that the act of lifting our voices shapes our hearts and spirits, reminding us of all the wonderful things God has graciously done for us. So let's remember to make our praises loud and clear.

Opening Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of this new Sunday morning and the breath in our lungs. As the sun rises, help us to clear away the rust and worries of the past week. Fill our hearts with Your deep peace, calm any anxious thoughts, and refresh our spirit. Amen

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy VU #315, vs 1,3, and 4

Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine VU #585

Hymn: There's A Church In The Wildwood –
Song of the Gospel, vs 1,2 and 4

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

Psalm 91 ended with singing the Refrain of Eagles Wings

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Hymn: VU #664 What A Friend We Have In Jesus vs 1 and 3

Hymn: VU #238 How Great Thou Art vs 1,3 and 4

Hymn: VU #675 Your Anchor Hold vs 1,3 and 4

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

Offertory Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves-Songs of the Gospel vs 1 & 3

Offertory Prayer:

Lord, everything we have comes from you. As we give today, we do so with thankful hearts. Bless these offerings and use them to further your work in our church and community. Amen

Hymn: Tell me the Old Old Story - Songs of the Gospel 56

Closing Hymn: VU #684 Make Me a Channel of your Peace

Commissioning:

Lord God, you have called us here, fed with your Hymns and Spirit, and now send us back into the world. Make us strong and faithful. Make us the salt of the earth and the light of our neighbourhoods, workplaces, and families. Give us the courage to do justice, love, and walk humbly with you every day.

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen

Choral Blessing: MV #209 Go Make a Difference

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

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

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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