

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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✠ indicates when those who are able will please stand

November 1, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

God in My Week - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

Territorial Acknowledgment (All)

"We wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin nation. We are grateful to live upon these lands. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and the contributions of all Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities."

We Welcome God

Spiritual Focus

"We walk into the future not by our own strength, but surrounded by those who loved before us, grounded in the God who goes with us, and committed to leaving no one behind."

✠ Opening Hymn: VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are searching for connection and peace.

People: We come, bringing our hopes, our doubts, and our open hearts.

Leader: Come, step toward the threshold of new possibilities.

People: God meets us here, in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life.

Leader: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth!

Opening Prayer (All)

Gracious and compassionate God, You meet us wherever we are on life's journey. In our quiet small towns and across the wide world, you call us into loving community. Open our minds to fresh insights, open our hearts to deep compassion, and ground us in your enduring grace. May this time of worship renew our spirits and inspire our living. Amen.

We Listen For God's Word

✠ Hymn of Illumination: MV # 18

Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary		
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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be living sanctuary for you.	Lord prepare me to be a testimony, Sweet and simple, tried true. With thanksgiving, I'll be living Testimony for You.	Lord prepare me to be a sacrifice, Pure and holy, tried and true With thanksgiving, I'll be living Sacrifice for You.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

All: Our ears and hearts are open.

Scripture: Joshua 3:7-17

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Ministry of Music

Reflection

✠ Hymn: MV # 154 Deep in Our Hearts

God's Mission - Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

Response:

ONE: God of grace,

ALL: hear our prayer and may we live that it may be so.

Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation:

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

Offertory Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU #420 Go to the World

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing – Go Now in Peace

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #231, is not holding public Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Cenotaphs in Elgin and Portland this year. The churches of the Elgin-Portland Pastoral Charge, Elgin United Church and Portland United Church, will be observing Remembrance Day with a special worship service on Sunday November 8th at 9:15 AM, Portland and 11:00 AM, Elgin. All are welcome and invited to join together as we honour, respect, reflect and remember. Lest We Forget.

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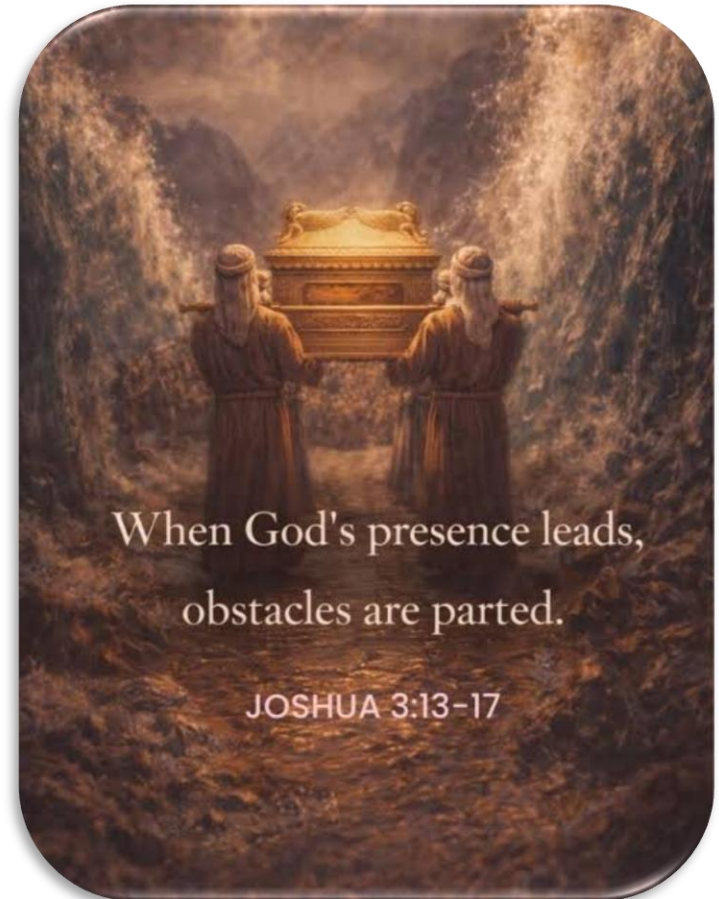
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