

GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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Ministers: All of God's People

October 11, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: The candle flame reminds us of the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in our midst.

All: As we gather in its light may we always remember to give thanks for the gifts God has given us.

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: MV # 18 Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary x2

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

People: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

Leader: Praise be to God who provides for us.

People: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

All: Amen

Opening Prayer:

Loving and generous God, we come into your presence today with hearts full of gratitude. Thank you for the beauty and bounty of this earth, for the changing of the seasons, and for the daily bread that sustains our bodies and our spirits. Thank you for gathering us in this community and for connecting us through your enduring love. As we begin our worship, open our eyes to your goodness, open our ears to your still, small voice and fill us with a renewed spirit of thankfulness. Amen

Opening Hymn: VU # 236 Now Thank We All Our God

Ministry of Music:



Prayer of Illumination:

Gracious God, we do not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today. Amen

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

Psalm 100

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Attitude of Gratitude

Hymn VU # 242 Let All Things Now Living

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

Offertory Hymn: VU # 227 For the Fruits of his Creation vs. 1

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

Closing Hymn: MV # 182 Grateful

Commissioning

Lord God, you have called us here, you have fed us 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: VU # 429 May the Blessing of God be Upon You

UCW meeting Tuesday, October 13 at 1:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Happy Birthday **Jim Campbell**. May you enjoy a perfectly awesome day.

The Young @ Heart Breakfast Club meets again on Thursday the 22nd of October at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. If you are coming, and all are welcome, let Clint or Ted know by noon on Wednesday the 23rd ..Ted

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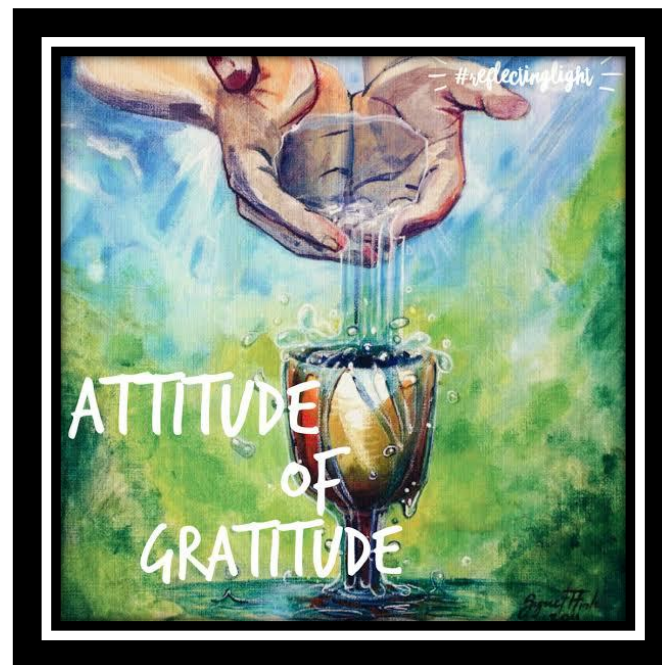
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