GROWING, CARING, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

IN ELGIN AND PORTLAND

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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 22, 2026

Welcome

Announcements/Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lighting the Christ Candle
As we light the Christ candle let us remember that God was with us in the past and will continue to be with us in the future.

Territorial Land Acknowledgment
We gather today as the community of Portland/Elgin Pastoral charge. We begin our worship by acknowledging and honoring the land upon which we gather, as the historical and traditional territory of Indigenous peoples. We recognize and thank the Algonquin and Iroquois, Anishinaabe and Huron-Wendat peoples for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

Call to Worship
Leader: We live in a world that often distorts what it means to be created in the image of God.
All: **Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.**
Leader: We live in a world that values popularity more than humility.
All: **Come. Jesus, come. Savior of the nations, come among us.**
Leader: We live in a world where some lives are valued more than others.
All: **Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.**
Leader: We live in a world where humanity is groaning for new possibilities and hope.
All: **Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.**
Leader: Aware of the world we live in, let us welcome Jesus as we worship today.
Kelly Sprinkle, United Community Church United Church of Christ, Carthage, N.Y.

Opening Hymn: VU # 273 "The King of Love"

The Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer: (responsive)
Leader: Jesus, come into our lives,
All: **as a friend and not a king.**
Leader: Teach us your ways of peace and love.
All: **Remind us that we will not be condemned when we struggle.**
Leader: You offer us direction in our living,
All: **not rules or edicts to follow.**
Leader: Help us to partner with creation,
All: **and not try to govern it with an overpowering hand.**
Leader: Jesus, we know you reign in our lives as a shepherd who gives gentle guidance without controlling us.
All: **May this worship empower us to nurture the Christ within us all.**
Natasha Pearen, Trinity-St. Stephen's U.C., Amherst, N.S.

Ministry of Music "Lord I Hope This Day Is Good" by Don Williams

Scripture:
Reader: Holy One, as we open your word, open our minds. Help us receive, recognize, and apply the message you have for us today.
All: May our ears and hearts be open to God's Word.

Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24
"God judges between the fat and the lean sheep"
Matthew 25: 31-46
"When you helped the least of these, you helped me."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: "Are we ready for what happens next?"

Responding Hymn: VU # 600 "When I Needed a Neighbour"

Invitation for offering: With hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts and treasures to share with those in need of God's love.

Offertory Hymn: VU # 542 "We give thee but thine own"

Offertory Prayer:
In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along the life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day, until life's work is done. Bless these tithes and offerings and those who receive them AMEN.

Prepare our hearts for prayer: VU # 400 "Lord listen to your children praying"

Prayers of the people/ The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn – VU # 213 "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Commissioning/Benediction

Seek the lost and care for the wounded. May we all give strength to the weak and encourage the downtrodden. Seek justice and love mercy and let us be God's mercy and love for the world.

Choral Blessing – VU # 958 "Halle, halle, halle"

The Young @Heart Breakfast Club meets this month on Thursday the 26th of November at 9 am at the Junction Restaurant. All are welcome. Let Clint or Ted know by noon Wednesday the 25th if you are coming.....Ted

Elgin's Build a Mountain of Food Day is from 9am to 4pm on November 28th in the Gordanier Freshmart parking lot.

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