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

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: In Him there is no darkness.

Leader: As people who follow Jesus, we are meant to reflect His light through truth, mercy and good deeds.

People: So that others can see the character of God.

Leader: We light the Christ candle today.

People: We honour Jesus - our hope, our peace, our joy.

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 # 161 I Have Called You by Your Name

Prayer

Lord Jesus, lead us by Your Holy Spirit to discover the good purposes You have for our lives in Your service. Keep our minds and hearts alert to Your will, and fill us with the boldness to minister wherever there is need. Be with us in this service of worship we pray. Amen.

Spiritual Focus

The friendships worth keeping are the ones where you never have to wonder if you are loved.

Call to Worship

Leader: We lift our eyes and raise our hearts and are met by the Holy One in worship.

People: We stretch out our arms and open our hands in the hope of finding mercy.

Leader: In our stretching, we are met by the kind eyes and warm hands of companions on the way.

People:. May we be aware of the signs of love that are always with us.

Illumination Hymn: VU # 371 Open My Eyes, that I May See

Scripture:

Reader: Listen for the Sacred Story.

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

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Reflection: Use All That God Has Given You

Prayers of the people/ The Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer (ALL)

Ever gracious God: we offer our gifts, thankful for the abundance that is ours. Empower us to share that which you have given us. Grant us such faith that we might offer love to the vulnerable, hope to the distressed, resources to the needy. We pray in the name of the giving Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn – VU # 595 We are Pilgrims

Commissioning

Go now into the world, assured that God always surrounds us with His light, hope and compassion. Go now and see the face of Christ in everyone you meet and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Go now and do not fear. You can never go where God is not.

Benediction

And now May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forevermore.

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

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. Ted ted302@live.com; Clint clint.sharon@halladay.ca

Good morning, Ladies, UCW

As a follow-up to yesterday's meeting, we had originally planned to make the dough and filling on Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00 PM, and assemble all the pies on Thursday, November 19 at 9:30 AM. After thinking it over, I realized we will run into a freezer space issue. Last year we made 100 large and 100 small pies, and we simply won't be able to freeze that many in a single day. Because of this, we will need to split the pie making into two days like we usually do. I don't know how I overlooked that! My apologies for the oversight.

Updated Schedule:
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1:00 PM: Make dough and filling
Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 1:00 PM: Pie making
(starting after the pillowcase ladies leave)
Thursday, Nov. 19 at 9:30 AM: Pie making

Please reply and let me know if you are available to help out on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM as well.

Thank You, Connie portlandparadise55@gmail.com

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