

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON L0L 1P0**



**The Presbyterian Church in Canada**



***"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is Welcome, sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."***

**Service Date: Sunday October 13, 2024**



**"World Communion"**

***Minister: Rev Tom Mason***

***Please stand for the entry of the Bible, if you are able.***

**WE PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO  
PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) Linda Murray

We come as guests invited to a table;

**We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.**

Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

**We gather with his friends around the world.**

Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

**We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**Hymn: #555 Worship the Lord**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Gracious and Generous God,

you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come:

friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.

You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with

steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise,

together with all your people, here and everywhere,

who break bread at your table and who share the cup.

We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and

loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus

Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy

Spirit who prays within us. **Amen**

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

God of mercy and mystery,

When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.

In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world: Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ as we say together the words Jesus taught us....

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.

**Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (unison)

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself. **Amen**

**FAMILY HYMN #670 Amazing Grace**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**1 Peter 1: 8-9** (Unison) Linda Murray

**All: "8. *Though you have not seen him, you love him.***

***Though you do not see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.***

**9. *Obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*"**

**The Old Testament Reading: Lamentations 1: 1-6**

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 5-10**

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**The People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN: In Christ Alone**

**MESSAGE: "The Soul"** By Rev Tom

### **Communion Service**

**Hymn: #548 Let us Break Bread Together**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south,  
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the table not of one denomination, but of our one Lord Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

#### **Offering Invitation**

Around this table we celebrate God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received. **(Choir Anthem)**

#### **Doxology**

##### **Prayer over the gifts**

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

#### **The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

You are source of all that exists.

You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans.

You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth.

You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night.

So, with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God,

Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst.

Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain. And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy God,

When the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent, we remember those who cannot rejoice today, who face times of pain or fear or upheaval. We think especially of those whose countries have been overwhelmed by earthquake, flood, and storm, by conflict, drought, or famine. Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving, and for making us whole. So may we become

Christ's body, the Church, loving and caring throughout the whole world until that day when all creation feasts with you in the fullness of your mercy and peace in the name of Jesus **Amen.**

**The Story of the Last Supper**

**Prayer after Communion**

**May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.**

**Hymn: It is Well With My Soul**

**Commission and Benediction**

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the world in his name. And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

**Walk With The Lord**

**Congregational Announcements**

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Everson Fay for being chosen as the Fall Fair Junior Ambassador

**Tues Oct 15** – Mission & Outreach 10:30am

**Tues Oct 15** – Finance and Maintenance 7pm

**Wed Oct 16** – Session 7pm

**Thurs Oct 10** – Choir at 7pm

\*\*\*Billy Graham's Bible Study "Nearing Home" will begin on **Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** and continue for the next **4 Tuesdays**. If you would like to order the book, please let Rev. Tom or Elizabeth Hill know by **Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**.

We are looking for a child's high chair to replace the ones presently at the church. Preferably in good condition and meeting the safety standards.

Please be in prayer over who you would like to submit for Eldership to fill the vacancy. The deadline is approaching.

Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to:

[donatetoepc@rogers.com](mailto:donatetoepc@rogers.com)

Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2) Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as - Food Bank, We Care etc.

**Food Bank Current Needs:**

cereal, apple and tomato juice (1 litre container),  
pasta sauce (urgent), canned potatoes,  
Hamburg helper ,sidekicks, cookies, canned pasta,  
cr. chicken soup, pancake mix,  
pancake syrup, Jell-O pudding mix, kidney beans,  
canned meat, rice, canned tomatoes,  
canned cranberries, turkey gravy.  
(Thanksgiving coming)

Reminder: Elmvale Food Bank needs spare plastic/recycling grocery bags

**Sermon Notes:**



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