



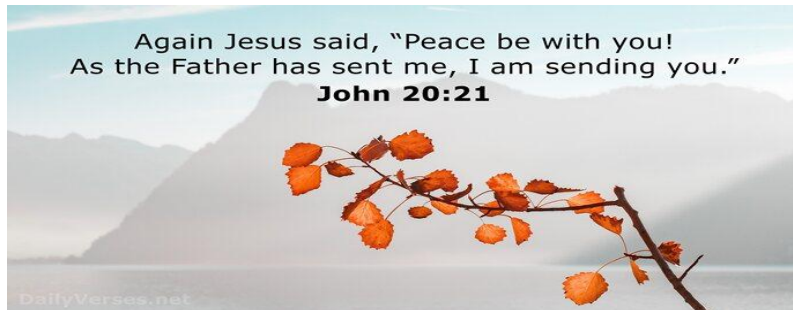
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Sunday May 4, 2025



The Third Sunday of Easter



A Warm Welcome to Any Newcomers to our Church. We hope you might consider making Elmvale your New Church Home.

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

Guest Preacher Angela Kirton

Please rise, if able, for the entry of the Bible.

Moment of Quiet Reflection as we Prepare our Hearts for Worship

O God, we seek your wisdom and truth in the Scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our minds and hearts to receive the gift of your word. Challenge and comfort us in what we hear, and strengthen us to follow Jesus, your Living Word. **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Responsive Call to Worship Terry Mason

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

All: We will not be afraid.

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

All: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

One: Let God's people shout for joy!

All: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

One: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

Hymn #672 Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

Prayer of Adoration (In Unison)

Gracious God,

you shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and our fears. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us, ever faithful, true and strong. You call to us to follow you and to be your people, a people of love and care, make us and shape us in the name of Jesus. **Amen**

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God,

You call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways as Jesus taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

...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 (In Unison)

God calls to us in love and forgiveness and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel and share this with the world. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

Family Hymn #645 Follow Me, the Master Said

Family Time SERMON BUMPER: Is a 5 minute clip from "The Chosen"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynbPrmil8mo>

Choir Anthem Come Walk With Me

Scripture Readings Psalm 27:1 & 4 (Responsive) Brad McGrady

One: The Lord is my light and salvation: whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I ask of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

All: To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Fishing?" Angela Kirton

Hymn #634 Will you Come and Follow Me

The Prayers of the People Isabel Savage

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus called the first disciples who followed, not knowing that we would follow their example so many centuries later. We bring our gifts in Jesus' name, not knowing whose lives will be touched, but trusting that something good will come of everything we offer God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below:

praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

God of the fishers who first followed Jesus, you have called us to follow and here we are. We offer what we have and ask you to bless our gifts. Give us the courage we need to invite others to join us in following Jesus, our friend and saviour. **Amen.**

Hymn #642 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you peace. **Amen.**

"Go Now In Peace"

Congregation Announcements

Mon May 05 – Let's Do lunch Phone in 9-12pm

Tues May 06 – Centre Flos Women's Institute 1pm

Wed May 07 – Craft Group 9am

Thurs May 08 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1 pm

Thurs May 08 – Choir

Sat May 10 – Come join the Covey Family in celebrating Sarah & Jason's 25th Anniversary~Open House/Drop in Tea from 2-4pm

Sat May 17 – Long Weekend BBQ & Bake Sale (Victoria Day Weekend) supporting Mindful Mornings at HCES from 11-1pm. Volunteers needed to bake and help – Sign-up sheets in the Social Hall

"Willing Workers/WMS" would like to announce an ongoing project... the collection of used (cancelled) postal stamps. We ask that you

either collect the envelope with the cancelled stamp intact or remove the stamp from the envelope leaving a 1/4 inch of paper around the stamp. These stamps will be used to fundraise and support the Christian Salvage Mission bringing Christian literature to the world."

Thanks to your generosity and that of the community, the Food Bank is sufficiently stocked for now except for these few items: canned mixed vegetables, canned peas, canned potatoes and jams.

Sermon Notes



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