

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**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 September 20, 2025**



***"Terry Fox Walk Sunday" – For those who Wish.***

***Minister: Rev Tom Mason***

**Please stand, if able, for the entry of the Bible**

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

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit as we gather in your name to hear your Word and

worship you. Worship takes many shapes and forms. We pray for your blessings for all of our walkers, encourage them, strengthen them, and may your love be ever present within their hearts.

**Amen**

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

**Every year, Canada — and the world — run and walk to remember Fox's hope and determination.  
Our Walkers head out on their Marathon of Hope to help others and to remember Terry Fox.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Sylvia Tollar

**Leader:** Come, all who are tired, all who are weary, and all who are carrying heavy loads.

**People:** We come to the One who promises rest, renewal, and strength for the journey.

**Leader:** Look around at the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us—the faithful who walked before us, and those who walk beside us today.

**People:** We fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who leads us step by step.

**Leader:** Whether we are running with joy, walking with heavy hearts, or limping through fatigue, God meets us on the road.

**People:** Together, let us offer our strength, our weakness, and our hope. Let us worship God with open hearts!

**HYMN #422 Sing A New Song Unto The Lord**

**Special Music** – “My Jesus I Love Thee” (Trio by: Janice, Mary & Marlene)

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Living God,  
you are the artist of the changing skies and architect of the steadfast earth,  
Loving Christ,

you were born to walk life's journey with us and show us God's purposes.

Spirit of life,

you are always moving in us and among us, offering us wisdom for every choice.

Creator, Christ and Spirit,

we honour you in our prayers and our praise. In this time of worship, show us how we can serve you, for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. **Amen**

### **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of time and eternity,

we confess that we have long memories, especially for moments we resent or regret. Each week we seek your forgiveness for our mistakes, but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully.

Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score. Confront us with your mercy, O God, and open our hearts to its cleansing power. Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ as we say together the words Jesus taught us

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### **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)

From now on, the Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Through Christ God has reconciled us, and given us a ministry of reconciliation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start, this day and every day! **Amen**

### **FAMILY HYMN #639 We Are Marching**

**FAMILY TIME** There will be no family time this week as the Terry Fox Walk for Cancer is taking place.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** Sylvia Tollar

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 12:1-2 (Unison)

**The Example of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**The Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:28-31

**New Testament Reading** 2 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

**This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** "The Unfinished Mile" By Rev Tom

**HYMN #500** Open My Eyes That I May See

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Sandy Owen

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Jesus challenged his disciples to take up the cross and follow him. Whatever we offer him speaks of how we take up his challenge in our time. So we give with grateful, loyal hearts.

**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**

Generous God, you poured out your love for us through Jesus Christ, who gave up everything on the cross. We bring what we have to offer you in love and loyalty. Receive our gratitude and bless all that our gifts can do to share your love for Christ's sake.

**Amen.**

**HYMN #634** Will You Come And Follow Me

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

Go forth into the world with courage, knowing that you never walk alone. Let us step forward in faith, carrying hope to every place we go. Where the road is steep, may you find His strength.

Where the journey is long, may you find His peace.

And where your steps grow weary, may you feel the quiet comfort of His grace carrying you forward.

May our lives be a living testimony of love, perseverance, and hope.

### **Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

May Christ Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, guide your feet on every path. And may the Holy Spirit breathe new life into your weary spirit, giving you strength to run with perseverance the race set before you—today, tomorrow, and forevermore. **Amen.**

### **May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You**

### **Congregational Announcements & Events**

**Donations to the United Mission of Nepal - during this disastrous situation, please mark your envelop with “Nepal” on the Presbyterian Sharing line. Funds will go directly to the families to help rebuild.**

**Tues Sept 22 – Ecclesiastes Bible Study 2pm**

**Wed Sept 23 –Quilting 1pm**

**Thurs Sept 24 – Coffee Party at EPC 9:30-11am**

**Thurs Sept 24 – Choir 7pm**

**Wed Sept 30 - Craft Group will be meeting at 9am to work on a special project**

**Sat Oct 02 – Like Christ Workshop. See insert**

**Sun Sept 06 - Sun Oct 11** – A Hope Story fund has been established to help bring education to children in Kenya.

Donations made through your offering designating **Hope Story**

**Fri Oct 09 & Sat Oct 10** - A booth at the Fair has been booked to promote EPC and we are planning to give out cookies to those visiting our booth. So please, start your ovens and load up your freezers with cookies. **Request:** if you are considering baking cookies for the fair, please do **NOT** use nuts or peanut butter. You are invited to join with us as we bag and tag the cookie packages on **Wed. Oct 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for help to staff the booth at the Fair. It is felt we should have 3 people there at all times if possible. Sign up for an hour or more when you will be in attendance at the Fair.

**W&N** – Looking for helpers for the nursery as needed.

**Monetary Donations auto-deposit:** [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** canned pasta, canned vegetables (peas, beans, creamed corn, potatoes), hamburger helper, snack crackers, shampoo, deodorant, & dish soap.

**Fire Safety** – Please make sure all doors are closed when you are leaving the church