

PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

- November 6, 2016 - All Saints' Sunday - 25th after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and greetings



Call to worship *Inspired by Haggai 1:15b-2:9*

One: "Take courage, all you people of the land! Take courage," say the prophets of old.

All: **Even today, we need courage to face the challenges of the world in which we live.**

One: "God's spirit abides among you! Do not fear," says the prophet of old.

All: **God has said, "I am with you."**

One: God is with us; God is with all of us; God is with us in all our ways.

All: **With God abiding among us, let us worship and give thanks.**

Opening prayer

We extol you, O God - we offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We recognize your glory in our world, and thank you for the grace we know and experience each day.

Freely, we are able to offer our prayers of praise; in honesty and joy, the words rise from our hearts and out of our mouths.

There is no sub-text to our rejoicing today. The beauty of creation inspires us, the bounty of abundance sustains us, and the strength of our community surrounds us - thus we give thanks. Amen.

*** Hymn Draw the circle wide MV 145**

Prayer of confession

We have not heard the whole story, O God.

We confess that we have rarely even imagined that there are different perspectives, and that others, different from us, may have experienced our story in ways that have been painful and injurious.

OT: Old Testament NT: New Testament VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

For the times when we have not listened for the sub-texts in our scriptures, for times when we have not explored the possibilities of untold versions and unshared perspectives, for times when we have been ignorant, loving God, and in our praise have assumed that all are able to praise as freely as we are, forgive.

Help us to listen in new ways. Give us the curiosity and wonder of the whole story. Give us the courage to ask for other perspectives. Give us the compassion to open our hearts to the versions that might include harm. And give us the love to respond with understanding and new commitments.

Holy One, help us to hear the whole story, we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of grace

The good news is that God hears all the stories! God is familiar with all the voices that are lifted up in praise, in supplication, in anguish, and in contrition. God is with us now, listening to this new prayer, welcoming our words, and forgiving us again. In this, let us truly and freely rejoice!

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| *Response MV 90 | Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear. Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near. <i>N'a-yez pas peur, mon a-mour est plus fort, il est plus fort que vo-tre peur. N'a-yez pas peur, mon a-mour est plus fort; je vous ai pro-mis, pro-mis d'ê-tre tou-jours là.</i> |
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*** Confession of faith**

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| *Response MV 92 | Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore. |
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Family time

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| Hymn | Lead on, O cloud of presence | VU 421 |
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Prayer for illumination

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| Readings | (1) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 | NT 206 |
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| Anthem | Go ye into into the world (Natalie Sleeth) | |
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| | (2) Luke 20:27-38 | NT 84 |
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The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon God of life – God of the living

Personal reflection

* **Hymn** I see a new heaven VU 713

Minute for mission

Offering

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| * Response Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God. |
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Announcements and sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers for the people & the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** For all the saints VU 705

* **Benediction**

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| * Response Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me? |
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Postlude

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Plymouth-Trinity United Church 380 Dufferin Ave. Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 4M7 www.plymouthtrinitychurch.org</p> <p>Ministers: All of us Clergy: the Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho - 873 200-2011 Organist and Music Director: Leslie Young Caretaker: Christopher Bryant Board Chair: Ann Fowlis – fowlis@sympatico.ca Webmaster: Michael Eby – eby@trainiax.net Secretary: Daniel Laplante – 819 346-6373 plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com Office: Tuesday & Wednesday 8-11 Friday 8-11 & 11:30-14:30</p> |
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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this All Saints' Sunday, we continue to feel the life-giving and transforming winds of the Holy Spirit!

***Bienvenue** à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Des **Bibles en français** sont disponibles à l'arrière.*

If you are a visitor, please join us for fair-trade coffee or juice after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Andrew Brown

Happy birthday to Chris Bryant (today).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Carol and Mike Gosselin in memory of Mike's sister, Aline Gosselin.

In the church

Moisson Estrie: In October, we gave a total of 134 kg to the food bank.

The bilingual Meditation group meets on Thursdays at 11 AM in the chapel. Welcome to all!

The Prayer group meets on Wednesdays, 7 PM in the chapel. Everyone is welcome. If you wish, you may send your petition to the pastor. *Le groupe de prière se rencontre les mercredis à 19 h dans la chapelle; tout le monde est invité. Si vous désirez, envoyez vos requêtes de prières au pasteur.*

Sharing the Christmas spirit: The UCW is collecting Christmas tree ornaments, Christmas kitchen linens and cash to send to the residents of Fort McMurray who lost their homes earlier in 2016 to the wild fires. Please make your donations before **November 13** to allow time for packing and shipping. For information, contact Janet McBurney at 819-565-9716 or j.mcburney@sympatico.ca.

This week

UCW will meet on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 PM in the parlour; please note the **date and time change**. Also, the UCW would like to give a big thank you to everyone who participated in yesterday's Christmas Buffet and Sale.

The Pastoral Care team will meet on Thursday, November 10 at 1:30 PM in the parlour.

Next week

November 13 – Remembrance Sunday – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary readings

Job 19:23-27

Psalm 145:1-21

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Le service en français de 9 h a lieu dans la chapelle; veuillez entrer par la porte arrière donnant sur l'aire de stationnement. Bienvenue à toutes et à tous!

English service at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Brown lunch-bag discussion: Please bring your lunch and stay for a discussion about the word “kinship”. What does this word say to you? It is not necessary to read beforehand the section about the “Opening the Spirit” of Friday’s Record but it may help you write your own column.

We plan to have the same type of conversation the following week, with another word!

Solidarity

Hurricane Matthew Appeal: "The United Church of Canada has launched an emergency appeal to provide humanitarian relief to Haiti, Cuba, and nearby Caribbean countries devastated by the impact of Hurricane Matthew. In rapid response the church has sent \$20,000 to our partners from the Emergency Response Fund and is appealing for donations and encouraging prayers throughout the church.

Your donations made through the United Church will be directed to the global ACT Alliance of church-based relief organisations, and to long standing partners in the region."

Donate at: <http://www.united-church.ca/hurricane-matthew>

Alternative: make a cheque to P-T with the notice “re Hurricane Appeal”.

