

PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

– November 13, 2016 – Remembrance Sunday – 26th after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and greetings



* Call to worship

ONE: God who calls us has promised a new creation. We have gathered together this morning to remember, to give thanks and to hope.

ALL: **But we live amidst the old and everywhere, scenes of destruction fill our eyes.**

ONE: God is creating that world of equity, plenty, justice and peace right now.

ALL: **Where can we glimpse it, this new realm of God?**

ONE: People, take hope, it's being built around you, and seeds of it lie within you, God nurtures them to life.

ALL: **We will trust in the promise and look now for its fulfillment. We will be people of hope, we will be people of joy.**

* Opening prayer

One: We thank you, GOD, for your steady love for creation, and all you do this day to heal, build and sustain it in goodness and beauty.

All: **We pray and work for your kin-dom, in and among us, as we remember deeds of bravery and actions of self-sacrifice.**

One: In hope, we commit our memories into the hands of God submit ourselves to foster kinship and to be used as instruments of peace for the healing of all the nations. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

All: **Amen.**

*** Hymn For the healing of the nations**

VU 678

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Prayer of confession

Good is inviting to be co-creators and co-builders. What is keeping us aback? Let us examine ourselves.

Is it lack of trust in God's power or will to do it?

Is it discouragement at so many experiences and signs of oppression, violence and injustice?

Is it fear of losing some present privilege or benefit we enjoy from the present circumstances?

Is it laziness or dread of what we might need to do and be to participate in that new world?

Is it simply comfort with our place in the world as it is?

What is it? Is it the fear to fly and realize our potential to its fullness? Is it simply because we stopped remembering who we are and whose we are??

Words of affirmation

We are a part of God's new creation of a new kind of kinship, as we have the courage to meet God humbly and with hope in all God's children. Receive God's forgiveness and participate in building new and right relationships of God's new creation.

We are all sisters and brothers. We are all kinfolks. We are not afraid. Thanks be to God.

*** Response** Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
MV 90 my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

*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.*

* Confession of faith

*** Response** Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
MV 92 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.

Family time

TRADITIONAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Reading of the names

Those within the Congregations of the Plymouth and Trinity Churches who lost their lives in the service of their country.

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* *Last Post* – One full minute of silence.

* *Reveille*

Hymn **Let there be light** **VU 679**

Unison prayer for illumination **VU 525**

Readings **Isaiah 65:17-25** **OT 696**

Isaiah 12 **VU 880**

Luke 21:5-19 **NT 85**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon **We are family,**

Personal reflection

* **Hymn** **O day of peace** **VU 682**

Minute for mission

Offering

* 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** **O God, our help in ages past** **VU 806**

* **Benediction**

* **Hymn** **O Canada** **VU 524**

*(please make the correction if you choose to sing in English:
"in all of us" instead of "in all thy sons")*

Postlude **Chaconne in D minor (Pachelbel) (excerpts)**

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Remembrance Sunday, let us 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: Michael Eby

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Belated happy birthday to Markus Lunkenbein (November 6), Esdra Touoyem (November 10) and Bryan Marshall (November 11).

Happy birthday to Selma Chipenda-Dansokho (November 14).

Welcome to newborn William Darryl Joseph Albright who arrived on November 4 to Ben Albright and Erica Pimental; the very proud Oma (grandmother) is Vae Hershey. Congratulations and blessings to all!

UCW News

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pre-Christmas buffet and sale, as of November 9 proceeds are \$1,741.15.

2017 church calendars are now available for \$7. Please speak to Janet, Thelma or Lois to get yours.

Today

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 talk back to the redactors as well as to the preacher’s sermon.

We plan to have the same type of conversation the following week, with another word: democracy.

Organ recital: Our secretary, Daniel Laplante, will be giving a recital at 3 PM here, at Plymouth-Trinity, organised by Les Amis de l’Orgue de l’Estrie. He will play works by Albinoni, J.S. Bach, Balbastre, Dubois, Frank, Foray, and others. Entry is \$10/adult, \$5/student and free for children.

This week

Special Board meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM.

Education & Outreach Team meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 9 AM.

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.*

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

Supervision: Thursday, Samuel will attend the Session and Official Board meetings of the Eaton Valley pastoral charge at Trinity-United, Cookshire.

Next week

November 20 – The Reign of Christ Sunday

Lectionary readings

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

***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.

Advent-Christmas carols and readings: the annual service in St. Mark's Chapel on the Bishop's University campus will take place on Saturday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 27 at 4 p.m. Music by the chapel choir under the direction of Sarah Heath, accompanied by Mi-Kyong Lee. Free-will offering for local charities. Free parking. All welcome.

Outreach

Last chance to Share 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. Donations are due **today** to allow time for packing and shipping. For information, contact Janet McBurney at 819-565-9716 or j.mcburney@sympatico.ca.

Moisson Estrie: In the past five years, the number of organisations to which the local food bank redistributes food has practically doubled, from 18 to 32, as well as 5 schools. On average 4,000 people receive food from these groups each month; 75% are on welfare (families, single parent families headed by women, immigrants, young men and seniors). Requests to Moisson Estrie for assistance increased by 25% in 2014/5 and another 10% this year. It's estimated 8% of Quebecers need help to meet their food needs.

Don't forget to bring an item for one of our food-bank boxes each Sunday.

