

PLYMOUTH-TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

November 20, 2016 – The Reign of Christ – Last Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and greetings



* Call to worship *(Based on Colossians 1:2b, 3-6)*

Let us enter into worship this day hearing words of blessing offered first in an early letter to some Christian believers just like us. Listen now and take these words to heart.

Grace and peace to you from the Holy One, God, who first conceived us and loves us.

I always thank God for all of you, for your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's children because you know what real hope we have in God.

You heard of this hope in the truth – the good news of Christ – that has come to you.

Just as that gospel is growing and displaying its bounty in the whole world, it is bearing fruit among you, from when you first heard it and comprehended that it is the true grace of God.

Let us give thanks to God for this grace and for the supreme goodness we know and share and celebrate here.

Let us worship God.

* Opening prayer *(Based on Colossians 1:9-12)*

We pray, God, that we be filled with a knowledge of your will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Help us to lead lives worthy of you, fully pleasing to you, as we bear fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of you. We crown you with many crowns. **Amen.**

*** Hymn Crown him with many crowns VU 211**

Prayer of confession *(Based on Colossians 1:13)*

God, you find us in the shadowed places into which we have stumbled. Those places where we tend to embrace powers that breed all kinds of “isms” and “...phobias,” places that threaten free expressions of self, solidarity or love.

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

* the congregation standing, as able

In those places, it is all about me-I-mine. From those places, we dominate and inflict hurt on others, thus on ourselves and you.

Rescue us, we pray. Bring the light of Christ to shine on us, lighting the shadows, and showing the way to you, thus to hope. **Amen.**

Words of affirmation

Living, breathing, and working in Jesus the Christ, God has made a way for us to know forgiveness.

Open to God's mercy and care, we find the new life promised by Christ, full of abundance and joy and unafraid of the other.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven so that we may be free to forgive without fear.

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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'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort, il est plus fort que votre peur. N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort; je vous ai promis, promis d'être toujours 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 | Immortal, invisible, God only wise | VU 264 |
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Prayer for illumination

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| Readings | Jeremiah 23:1-6 | OT 725 |
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| Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember when you come into your kingdom. |
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Luke 23:33-43

NT 89

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| Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember when you come into your kingdom. |
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| The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. |
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Sermon The Reign of Christ... what is this?

Personal reflection

* Hymn Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King, (X3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King, (X3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

No more dying there, we are going to see the King, (X3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

Minute for mission

Offering

Anthem All praise to God (J. J. Schütz)

Announcements and sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers for the people & the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

Benediction

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| <p>* 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?</p> |
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Postlude Te Deum (Marc-Antoine Charpentier) (extract)

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Reign of Christ 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: Vivienne Galanis

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Belated happy birthday to Thomas Bilodeau (November 17).

Happy birthday to Merran Eby (November 25).

Happy anniversary to Mylène Gilbert-Dumas & Pierre Weber (November 24).

Membership classes: Would you like to join Plymouth-Trinity and become a member the United Church of Canada or do you want to know more about the Church? Please contact the minister.

Today

Brown lunch-bag discussion: Please bring your lunch and stay for a discussion about the word “**democracy**”; if you didn't bring a lunch there'll be food to share. What does this word say to you? It's not necessary to have read last Friday's “Opening the Spirit” in *The Record* but it may help you talk back to those four writers as well as to the minister's sermon. Next lunch-bag discussion will be December 11.

This week

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

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 PM and Sunday, November 27 at 4 PM. 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.

Next week

November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

This will be one of our “**Special Sundays**”: a bilingual service with Holy Communion and a M&S luncheon! Bring a friend, young or older. The children’s ministry will lead the service.

Lectionary readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

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.

We will be sharing in **Holy Communion**. Please let the minister know if somebody needs to receive Communion at home or hospital.

The wooden Benevolent Fund box will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each time we share in Holy Communion we have the opportunity to donate to this fund, which is used to purchase food vouchers for the minister to distribute to people in need, including our own members.

All are welcome to our **Mission and Service Birthday/Anniversary** celebration after the service. Join us for a delicious hot meal followed by dessert. With your free-will offering, our community increases our M&S donations and our love spreads around the world!

Worship team meeting on Tuesday, November 29 at 7 PM.

Reach-out luncheon on Thursday, December 1 at 11:30 AM.

UCW news

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

Christmas baskets: The UCW will be preparing their Christmas baskets on Monday, December 5th. Anyone wishing to contribute cookies for the baskets can please leave them in the kitchen next Sunday or the one after, clearly marked ‘UCW Christmas baskets’.

Outreach

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.

Gifts with vision, Oct. 2016- Sept. 2017: *A giving catalogue from the people of The United Church of Canada:* The fifth annual *Gifts with vision* catalogue arrived with the October issue of The United Church Observer, in plenty of time for the season of gift-giving. It enables us to give in the name of family and friends who have all they need and appreciate the opportunity to give to others. We have received extra copies for those who are not currently subscribers to the magazine: they're on the front and back tables in the sanctuary. And you can always choose gifts online at giftswithvision.ca

Gifts with vision has given over \$1.4 million to United Church partners making a difference in people's lives! It's an additional way to support the work of our Mission & Service partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and right here in Canada.

An example from the new catalogue: for \$20, you can provide a pair of warm winter mittens to a young person at Garden River First Nation in northern Alberta.

Mitten tree: We again have an outlet for shoppers and idle fingers this coming winter! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Socks) for residents at the homeless shelter Accueil Poirier (Partage St-François) and the residence for the 18-30 age group, Source Soleil. The gift bags contain hats, underwear, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes (especially for men, since 80% of the homeless are men), either hand-made or bought. Our mitten tree will be ready to receive any fruit for HUGS you can provide, between the beginning of Advent and Palm Sunday.

White Gift Sunday, December 4: Once again we will be donating non-perishable food items and money to Sherbrooke Elementary School's Christmas Basket Campaign which looks after SES families in need.

We're following a tradition which began in a small Methodist church in Ohio over 100 years ago. Instead of focussing on receiving gifts the congregation was encouraged to bring gifts to Jesus which could in turn be shared with people who did not have much. The gifts were wrapped in plain white paper so no one knew which was an expensive gift and which was a more modest one. Nowadays, in respect for the environment we do not wrap our gifts of non-perishable food.

Please think of Sherbrooke Elementary when you do your grocery shopping in the next two weeks. Bring your gifts on Sunday, December 4 but please don't wrap them.

Give a Perfect Gift this Christmas: Are you looking for the perfect gift, a gift for someone who has everything, or a gift with meaning? Consider giving a *perfect gift*, by making a donation to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund or the local food bank, Moisson Estrie in the name of your family member or friend. Hand-made gift cards are available on the side table at the front of the sanctuary. We thank Janet McBurney for her donation of time and supplies for these beautiful cards.

