

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 11, 2017 – Trinity and Church Union Sunday

## Prelude

## Welcome and greetings

## Acknowledging the land

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

<b>* Introit</b>	<b>Fresh as the morning</b>	MV 28.1
God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, Freedom or prison, you are our home.		
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do not change. } x2		

## \* Call to worship and opening prayer

One person is not enough.

**Together we are powerful.**

The world's problems are many and great.

**Together we can change the world.**

So many people in God's world are in need!

**Together we can help them!**

So come let us worship in God.

**God, help us worship you in our thoughts, words and actions.**

**Amen!**

<b>* Hymn</b>	<b>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty</b>	<b>VU 315</b>
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## Children's time

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

\* the congregation standing, as able NVU : Nos voix unies

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

Let us await the forgiveness and the wholeness God offers to each and to all, as we pray:

**Holy and Whole, you hold before us a vision of who we long to be and could become.**

*(silent pause for personal confessions)*

Your Spirit calls us to be church. With the faithful who went before and those who will come after, you offer us the gifts needed to be the Body of Christ, people of God, co-creators of your new world.

**Forgive us when our ears are closed to your call, when our eyes lose sight of Christ's self-giving, when we misuse your generosity. Free us from our fear.**

*(silent pause for confessions)*

You are alive and present in the midst of all people's joy and sorrow, pain and healing, despair and hope.

**Forgive us when we presume to limit your grace, when we pretend to control your love. Deliver us from idols and false images of you.**

*(silent pause for confessions)*

Love overflows from God's heart: patient, kind, not envious or boastful, not arrogant or rude, bearing all things, believing all things, hoping all things, and never-ending.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \* Confession of faith

\* Hymn            Touch the earth lightly            VU 307

### Prayer for illumination

Scriptures        2 Corinthians 13:11-13            NT 186  
                         Matthew 28:16-20                    NT 34

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Personal reflection

\* Hymn            Lord, you give the great commission            VU 512

### Minute for mission

### Offering

\* Offertory        What can I do?            MV 191

What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

### Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

### Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn            God of grace and God of glory            VU 686

### \* Benediction

\* Closing        Asithi: Amen            VU 431

Asithi: Amen, siyakudumisa. (x2)  
Asithi: Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,  
amen, siyakudumisa.  
  
Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God. (x2)  
Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen,  
amen, amen, amen, we praise your name, O God.

### Postlude

# News

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today. In this Season of Pentecost, the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclet, continue to blow on us, inspiring, empowering and leading ordinary people like us into extraordinary works of reconciliation, justice and love.

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

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

**We thank our volunteers:**

**Reader:** Vivienne Galanis

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein and Carol Smith

**Sexton:** Dave Fowlis

**A huge thank-you** to everyone – starting with Vivienne – who made the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination such an unforgettable event. (I admit I'd been hoping for three lines in the bulletin making mention of it.) Plymouth-Trinity is truly a warm and generous community. I cannot thank you enough for adding so much to my memory bank. *Martyn*

**Happy birthday** to Yeason Aiping (June 14) and Elsie Moore (June 17).

**Happy anniversary** to Hazel & Jim Innes (June 15).

**Bulletin covers this week** are donated by a friend in memory of Douglas Armitage, by Bev & Rick Lepine in memory of Polly Broadbelt and by Val Rawlings in memory of Harriet & Percy Rawlings.

**The flowers** in the sanctuary today were donated by Bev Lepine in memory of her mother, Polly Broadbelt.

**Update:** The Spring/Summer edition of the congregational newsletter will be distributed on June 18, the date of a special congregational meeting. Reports and news of the family should be sent to Vivienne at [vivgal@sympatico.ca](mailto:vivgal@sympatico.ca). **Deadline today.**

## Today

**The Québec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec** having completed the necessary steps in the call of Rev. Mark Hammond as minister of Montreal West United Church, notice is now given that the Presbytery will meet by Commission in Montreal West United Church, 88 Ballantyne Avenue North Montreal West, Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 3 p.m. for a Service of Covenanting. Visit Montreal West United Church web site, <http://www.mwuc.org/>, for directions both by car and public transport.

## This week

**Québec Presbytery - Consistoire du Québec Executive** meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m.

**Church Board** meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.

**Pastoral Care team** meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 2 p.m.

## Next week

**Sunday, June 18** – Aboriginal Sunday

### **Lectionary readings**

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)

Psalms 116:1-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35–10:8

*Culte en français à 9 h dans la chapelle, entrez par la porte donnant sur l'aire de stationnement (rue Terrill).*

**English service** at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

**Special Congregational Meeting:** on Sunday, June 18 after the 10:30 service, there will be a brief meeting of the congregation for the purpose of approving an amended version of the motion passed at our last congregational meeting regarding the future of the church building. The United Church requires that should the sale of the church building be one of the options we are considering, a specific motion approving that action must be passed. This will be the substance of the motion to be presented on June 18.

## Outreach

**Famine relief:** Most of you will have heard the government is matching donations for famine relief in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen until June 30, i.e. in just over two weeks. Donations to the United Church's Extreme Hunger Appeal are helping long-term Mission & Service partners ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank provide much-needed assistance on the ground in Africa and the Middle East.

We hope our treasurers will accept donations made to Plymouth-Trinity, marked "Extreme Hunger Appeal". Otherwise we can donate directly on the United Church website: <http://www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal>

**Moisson Estrie:** The local food bank announced their reserves are low, as they are each year in spring and summer. They especially need basic items such as pasta, rice, flour, sugar... Moisson Estrie thanks Plymouth-Trinity for making a difference and reminds us cash is as appreciated as food. Our treasurers will credit all donations clearly marked "Moisson Estrie".

## In the community

**Quebec Sherbrooke Presbytery Camp**, June 25 to July 1. Registrations are still welcome for campers aged 8-17. (Four of our young people, plus a friend, are registered.) Supplies needed: we are looking for donations of binoculars, compasses, knitting and embroidery supplies and large, clean, empty jars (glass or plastic). To donate supplies, or for further information about camp, contact Presbytery Youth Worker, our own Shanna Bernier (shanna.bernier@gmail.com)

**UCW annual fund-raiser at The Piggery**, Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m.: The Fixer-Upper, written by Lorne Elliott and also starring Karen Cromer. Come see this comedy in 7 phone calls about summer in the Maritimes, cottage renovations and family manipulation. Tickets are \$20 and available by contacting Janet McBurney at 819 565-9716 after 6 p.m. A portion of each ticket will go to benefit Plymouth-Trinity's UCW.

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