

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples 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.

* Introit	Fresh as the morning	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 / Opening prayer

How well are we known by God? **God knows the number of hairs on our head, God knows us that well.**

How well does God know our world? **God knows each sparrow that falls from the sky, God knows the world that well.**

What does God promise? **God promises to love us always.**

Always, in every circumstance? **Always, in every circumstance, in our failure and in our success, in conflict and in harmony, God loves us.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

* the congregation standing, as able

Children’s time

* Response Jesus loves me

MV 365.1

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

God, giver of life, we come into this place as we are, and without pretense. We take this time to look at ourselves as we truly are.

We come with our imperfections, our failures, and limited by our fears.

We come grieving our losses and struggling with our incapacities.

We come with our blind spots and our inflexibility, our anger, selfishness and hidden agendas.

We come with our conflicts and sadness, we come because we have been wrong and have been wronged against.

We come wanting to be vital and authentic and seeking wisdom.

We come longing for comfort and restoration and to encounter your love and grace. **Amen.**

* Confession of faith

Prayer for illumination

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

Sermon "God has heard the voice of the boy where he is"

Personal reflection

* Hymn Nearer, my God, to thee VU 497

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 Lead on, O cloud of presence VU 421

* 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, 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 Paraclete, 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: Selma Chipenda Dansokho

Ushers: Selma Chipenda Dansokho and Carol Smith

Sexton: Jim Innes

Thanks also to Inge Lunkenbein and Kristi Roht for again working to beautify around our building with flowers graciously provided by the city.

Happy birthday to Val Rawlings (June 28), Taylor Juby (June 29) and Jarit Bryant (June 30).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by a friend in memory of Fred Sangster and by Theresa, Stephen & Beth Wilkie in memory of their husband and father Harley.

Congratulations to Robert Stratton who will celebrate 13 years of sobriety at tonight's AA meeting; well done, Robert.

Congratulations also to Janet McBurney who raised \$840 for the Canadian Cancer Society in her 14th annual walk-through-the-night Relay for Life 10 days ago. The Magog event raised an amazing \$65,000!

Our sympathy to Denis and Cathy Ashby and to Sarah Stratton Ashby on the sudden death of Michel Ashby, their father and ex-husband, respectively, who died last Sunday morning. There will be visitation on Saturday, June 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a celebration in memory of his life at Centre funéraire Coopératif région de Coaticook, 284, rue Child, Coaticook.

Update: The Spring/Summer edition of the congregational newsletter is distributed today.

Future of the building: After eight years of brainstorming and researching innumerable possibilities our Board of Trustees was advised by Presbytery that the next step was to get a mandate from the congregation to ask for Presbytery's permission to investigate selling the building. The future of the community of faith – in the present building or elsewhere – will be the focus of discussions beginning in fall.

The following motion was passed at the congregational meeting last Sunday: That Plymouth-Trinity request permission from Quebec Presbytery to sell the church building and property.

This week

Monday, June 26: Funeral of Andy Swan: Long-time member of Plymouth, then Plymouth-Trinity, Andy, widower of Grace and father of Bob, Marjorie and the late Gordon, died just a few weeks short of his 100th birthday. Following his wishes, his funeral will be held at Plymouth-Trinity on Monday, June 26 at 3 p.m., preceded by visitation with the family beginning at 2 p.m. During the reception following the service, Andy will be remembered by family and friends and his 100th birthday (June 24) will be highlighted.

Next week

Sunday, July 2 – Fourth after Pentecost

Lectionary readings

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

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 at Lennoxville United! Note the change of time and place; we will worship in Lennoxville throughout July.

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. 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.

Our treasurers will accept donations made to Plymouth-Trinity, marked "Extreme Hunger Appeal" by the middle of the week. However, donations may be sent a bit later if made directly at 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

UCW annual fund-raiser at **The Piggery**, Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m.:

The Fixer-Upper, written by Lorne Elliott and 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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