

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 13, 2017 – Tenth after Pentecost

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	All is done for the glory	MV 34
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All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!

All depends upon our glorious God. Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!

* Opening prayer (unison)

God of community, we have come once again to be with your people. Whatever our reason for being here, speak to our hearts and souls. Speak to us of your love. Speak to us of your call to be loving. Speak to us of your call to be a community of faith. Open our hearts and ears to listen and give us the courage and will to respond in faith. Amen.

* Hymn	In loving partnership we come	VU 603
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Children's time: The Domino Effect

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

* the congregation standing, as able

Prayer of confession and Affirmation of grace

* Confession of faith

God, you call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following you.

We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where you lead— to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that you will provide for us in all things.

Forgive us when we doubt you, God. **Increase our faith.**

Holy Spirit comfort and inspire us.

Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to your broader vision for us and for our world. Amen.

* Hymn God of the bible MV 28

Prayer for illumination

The Living Word for us this day.

We listen with our hearts, our minds and our spirits.

Scripture Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 OT 34

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

Matthew 14:22-33 NT 16

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Sermon

Personal reflection

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 Let there be light VU 679

* 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, 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: Dave McCormack

Ushers: Dan Davidson & Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Thanks to those who organized the BBQ last Sunday (more below).

Happy birthday to Dr. Xiang Peng Liao (August 15).

Happy anniversary to Ruby & Stuart Robinson (August 17).

Super Sundays: Last week there was great joy to the beat of the songs of praise from our francophone congregation and for the dedication of the defibrillator to Ruth Elkas Atto, our annual Mission and Service barbq and the presentation of our Lenten donations to Mental Health Estrie.

As with all special celebrations there are more people and more work afterwards. In order to minimise the extra work-load for our caretaker and our Property & Maintenance Team, we should all try to clean up – in the kitchen, hall and nursery - as much as possible before we leave and ensure that children NOT put full rolls of paper into the toilets and then into the garbage, waste paper towels and pull posters off the walls as occurred last Sunday.

Next week

Sunday, August 20 – Eleventh after Pentecost

Lectionary readings

Genesis 45:1-15

Matthew 15:10-28

Culte en français : à partir de dimanche prochain (20 août), le service de 9 h se déroulera dans le sanctuaire.

The 9 a.m. service in French will migrate to the sanctuary as of Sunday, August 20, 2017.

English service at 10:30.

Outreach

Holiday hunger / *La faim des vacances*: The local food bank, Moisson Estrie, repeated last week that they experience an increased demand for assistance during summer when some organisations which normally help, like schools, are closed. Their new programme, *La faim des vacances*, which continues until August 20, encourages us to donate food and/or money. There are boxes at the front and back of the sanctuary for non-perishable food and our treasurers, Andrew Brown and Allan Marshall, will credit all donations on the offering plate or given in person – from P-T or Lennoxville - clearly marked “Moisson Estrie”.

In the community

Montréal Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry: 5 Days focused on faith, heart, mind and skills for the art of intercultural ministry, Montreal, September 25-29, with leadership by the Rev. Dr. Samuel V. Dansokho. Cost: \$1,250, including accommodation and meals. **Register by August 28.**

- Ecumenical + interactive programme
- Practical ideas to use in our own context

- Nurture cultural understanding + awareness in our community
- Bilingual French/English programme

Bursaries available:

- United Church of Canada up to \$600/person. To apply: <http://www.united-church.ca/>
- Persons from “marginalized” communities (racialized, newer immigrants, aboriginal and others) may qualify for a Catherine Donnelly Foundation grant. Contact the Canadian Churches Forum: director@ccforum.ca

More information and registration at: www.ccforum.ca/duim

The social innovation challenge is coming to Montreal: August 17 and 18 at Concordia University. The Social Innovation Challenge is sponsored by Edge of the United Church of Canada with other community partners. It began as a way to connect churches with the people who are working to make their communities better; it has grown into much more. There is a growing network of over 500 (five hundred) social innovators and collaborators across the country and now is expanding into the United States.

How do you get involved? People can develop a concept, discover new partners, and compete for a chance to win start up funding for their social innovation ideas. The proposals focus on financial sustainability, positive social impact, an environmentally friendly focus, or are spiritually grounded.

The winning ideas will have the support of mentors from across the business world, receive start up funding, receive ongoing support, and create connections with many other like-minded people from the local community. The social innovation challenge would love to have congregations pitch their ideas. Edge is also looking for Mentors and volunteers.

If you would like more information please go to www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca

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