

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 20, 2017 – Eleventh after Pentecost

Prelude Jesus, Lead Thou Me On (*by Paul Manz*)

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land (unison)

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 28.3

Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. } x2

***Call to worship and Opening prayer**

Every morning, God calls you to be, and, when you rise and as you become, God gives a promise:

As I live and as you live, I will never abandon you.

And each day, we may respond:

As you live and as I live, I will go with you.

And each day, we may say to one another:

As God lives and as I live, let us worship and serve together.

Maggie Watts-Hammond, Gilmore Park U.C., Richmond, B.C. Used by Permission Gathering Pentecost1 2017 pp. 28-29

*** Hymn** Take my life and let it be VU 506

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** Great is thy faithfulness VU 288

*** 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 Canterbury March (*by H. C. Perrin*)

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.

A particular welcome to Lennoxville congregation!

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: Bob Evans

Ushers: Bob Evans & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Robert Stratton

A big thank you to Pam Eby who is graciously filling in for Leslie.

Happy birthday to Lukas Racette (August 21), Malekesa Oboob (August 24) and Ron Clark (August 26).

Happy anniversary to Andrew Brown & Jeannette Gagnon Brown (August 21), Pam & Jack Eby (August 22), Vivienne & Nikos Galanis (August 23) and Vera & Gerry Armstrong (August 26).

Office secretary: Daniel Laplante has resigned effective August 31; we thank him for his contributions over the past 18 months and wish him well. For information on the available job, consult our website: <http://plymouthtrinitychurch.org/pt-news.php>

Minister: Samuel will be in a three-day retreat (*Ressourcement et ressources*) sponsored by MIF (Ministries in French) and the Montreal and Ottawa at Villa St Martin from August 22-24.

The funeral service of Mr. Richard McLernen will take place at 4 p.m. (visitation from 3 to 4). After the service, the family invites everybody to the refreshments at the Musée des beaux arts.

The remains of Gervais Mumba have been buried yesterday at St Michel Cemetery.

Next week

Saturday, August 26: Funeral service for Richard McLernon.

Sunday, August 27 – Twelfth after Pentecost

Lectionary readings

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Le culte en français a lieu à 9 h.

English service at 10:30. We will celebrate the baptism of three children (Goodsell family).

Outreach

Holiday hunger / *La faim des vacances*: The local food bank, Moisson Estrie, has repeated that they experience an increased demand for assistance during summer when some organisations which normally help, like schools, are closed. They encourage us to give 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

Summer market and giant book sale: CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Sherbrooke & District announces its annual event at 6 Church St., Lennoxville on Friday, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items range from Silent Auction Gift certificates to a raffle, attic treasures, antiques, baked goods, jams, jellies and much, much more. Students are welcome. Please bring your own bag; the church is wheelchair accessible.

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.** 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

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PAR (Pre-Authorized remittance) is a way to support our church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from our bank account.

The United Church administers the programme following the giver's wishes—for example, we might give X amount for local church expenses and X amount for Mission & Service.

If you have automatic withdrawals from your bank account to pay bills, taxes or mortgage, then you already understand the PAR principle.

Besides being convenient, using PAR for our offerings ensures regular monthly givings to help the church's ministry even if we are away. PAR provides a dependable flow of contributions and this increases the church's overall financial stability.

Our regular giving supports the local ministry of our congregation.

Our giving for Mission & Service helps people overcome poverty, helps train new ministers, equips leaders, sends chaplains into communities and sends mission personnel to serve M&S partners around the world. We also give support to Aboriginal ministries and remote congregations. In Canada and around the world, our Mission & Service gifts support vibrant and vital ministries for the healing of the world.

Currently only 16 Plymouth-Trinity donors use PAR; the number is considerably higher in the Lennoxville congregation. You can speak to one of the treasurers (Allan Marshall or Jack Noble) to join the programme or for further information.

