

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 27, 2017

*Baptisms of Skylar Chloe Irene Goodsell, Ryder Jeffrey Steven
Goodsell and Maxwell Jeffrey Michel Goodsell-Martel.*

Prelude

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 28.4
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Not by your finger, not by your anger,
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

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

* Call to worship and Opening prayer

Once, a long time ago, people lived with fear and uncertainty. The past had been bleak, the present bleaker; the economy was struggling. Hope for life was absent; many felt lost and alone.

And Jesus said: "Follow me. Be my witnesses"

Today, people look for a sign of new life. The present appears to be bleak; good people live with despair. Joy for life may be absent; many feel lost and alone.

And Jesus says: “Follow me. Be my witnesses.”

The people of God continue to gather in order to see a new beginning. The future appears to be bleak; we do not know where we are going. Excitement for life may be absent; many still feel lost and alone.

And Jesus continues to say: “Follow me. Be my witnesses.”

Some will lead and some will follow, but all are called to live lives of faithfulness, compassion, and love.

God will be with us wherever we go when we respond to Jesus’ invitation: “Follow me. Be my witnesses!”

In our gathering for worship, may we experience Jesus’ words once again: “Follow me. Be my witnesses!”

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*** Hymn** Wash, O God, your sons and daughters VU 442

Baptisms (*see insert*)

*** Hymn** Come, O fount of every blessing VU 559

Prayer for illumination

Scripture Exodus 1:8–2:10 OT 49

Matthew 16:13-20 NT 18

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

Sermon

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** Here I am, Lord VU 509

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** I was there to hear your borning cry VU 644

* Benediction

*** Closing** **Asithi: Amen** VU 431

Asithi: Amen, siyakudumisa. (×2)
Asithi: Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,
amen, siyakudumisa.

Sing amen: Amen, we praise your name, O God. (×2)
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.

Welcome to the families and friends of Skylar, Ryder and Maxwell.

For the last time this year, **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: Nancy Chrétien

Ushers: Nancy Chrétien & Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Happy birthday to Tristan Marshall (today), Roxanne Cloutier-Patte (August 29) and Lois Deagle (September 1).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Thelma Philbrick in memory of her husband Gordon.

Bulletin covers: Inge Lunkenbein (819 346-7750) is now collecting donations for the 2018 bulletin covers: \$10 a Sunday in memory of a loved one. Several people can be sponsors on the same Sunday. Sign-up sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Office secretary: *18 months have passed since my arrival at PT where I've met with great people! I'm grateful to the community for the warm welcome and for the good experiences we've had together and I'm looking forward to another crossing of our paths in the future. Thank you!* Daniel Laplante

For information on the available position, consult <http://plymouthtrinitychurch.org/pt-news.php>

Next week

Sunday, September 3 – Thirteenth after Pentecost

Lectionary readings

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

Le culte en français se tient à 9 h.

English service at 10:30.

Advance notice

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30.

Outreach

Holiday hunger / *La faim des vacances*: The local food bank, Moisson Estrie, has reported 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

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 tomorrow, 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

Vivre et œuvrer ensemble (the student association of PT/MFS members) invites all members of our community of faith to the welcome back BBQ, Saturday September 2 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Parc Blanchard. For information, contact Carno at 819 640-9006.

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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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Skylar Chloe Irene Goodsell

Ryder Jeffrey Steven Goodsell

Maxwell Jeffrey Michel Goodsell-Martel

As we gather

God's word to us is this:

"I will never forget you, my people.

I have carved you on the palm of my hand.

I will never forget you, I will not leave you orphaned.

I will never forget my own.

Today we welcome Skylar, Ryder and Maxwell into this community of faith, the Church.

The Church is a community of wanderers, a band of women and men, adults and children, pilgriming towards God's promised land of peace and justice.

As we travel toward this goal, we are stained with the dust of the journey, we are frequently messy and weary, even inclined to enjoy the journey, and tempted to turn aside and settle down.

Yet repeatedly, we find that we cannot do that.

We are called forth, time and time again, by memories and hopes, a profound respect for each other and deep appreciation for the mystery of God moving among us, transforming our lives.

Presentation of Skylar, Ryder and Maxwell

Words of welcome

Profession of faith and promises

Minister: Do you believe in God and God's love, made known in Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and died and lives again; and that God, by the Spirit, is active in the world to direct and strengthen?

Parents: **We do.**

Minister: Do you believe in God, Source of love, in Jesus Christ, love incarnate, and in the Holy Spirit, love's power? And will you love these children unconditionally, so that in your love, they may begin to experience God's love?

Parents: **We do and we will.**

Minister: Will you, by the grace of God, live a life of faith, show your children by word and example, how to follow the way of Jesus?

Parents: **We will.**

Minister: Will you involve yourselves in this or other communities of faith, such that you may grow in love, in wisdom, and in relationship with God and God's people?

Parents: **We will.**

Commitment of godparents

Minister: Recognizing that many persons touch the lives of children beyond their parents, do you covenant to provide these children with further opportunities to explore their growing experience of God, and to share your faith lifestyle with them?

Godparents: **We do.**

Commitment of congregation – Please stand, if able

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these families within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice and resists evil?

All: **We do, by the grace of God.**

A New Creed

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Pouring of water

(...) listen to its free-flowing powers;
listen to its life-giving powers;
listen to its welcoming powers.

Act of baptism

{Skylar, Ryder, Maxwell}, we baptize you in the name of God the Father, who loves us as a mother loves a child, and of the Son, who dwells among us as a friend, and of the Holy spirit, who inspires, challenges and comforts us all. **Amen!**

Presentation of the lighted candle

Declaration

Baptized, blessed and anointed, we declare that Skylar Chloe Irene Goodsell, Ryder Jeffrey Steven Goodsell and Maxwell Jeffrey Michel Goodsell-Martel have been received to the Church of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and keep you and give you peace.

And let the people say:

Amen!

Sung blessing

Child of blessing, child of promise

VU 444

