

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - World Food Sunday

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.

Call to worship

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we rejoice

All: We set the anxieties of our daily lives aside

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we give thanks

All: We realize the full extent of your wonderful gifts

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we open ourselves

All: We experience your love so graciously shown in Jesus

One: You invite us to worship, O God, and we respond

All: Let us praise God with our lips and our lives!

One: Come all you people, let us praise our Maker!

*** Introit Uyai mose (Shona) / Come all you people** MV 2

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, (x4)

Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, (x4)

Come now and worship your God.

***Opening prayer**

Gracious God, like a parent you nurture and encourage us. Through your Word and Spirit, you show us new possibilities. Strengthen us through our worship and reflection, to grow in understanding and in love, that we may be agents of your love, in all the world. Amen.

***Hymn** God, we praise you for the morning VU 415

Prayer of confession

Words of assurance

Children's time

***Hymn** I danced in the morning VU 352

***Confession of faith**

Prayer for illumination

Scripture Exodus 32: 1-14 OT 78

Psalm 106: VU 830

Philippians 4: 1-9 NT 198

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

Maude Frechette and the choir: The light of the world by Don Besig

Sermon

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** He came singing love VU 359

Minute for mission

Offering : Maude Frechette: At the River adapted by Aaron Copland

*** Offertory** In gratitude and humble trust VU 544

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Announcements and sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** Rejoice, the Lord is King VU 213

*** Benediction**

*** Choral closing:** VU 468.3

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Chorus:

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again
pass the Word around: loaves abound

Postlude

News

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. In this Season of Pentecost, and on this World Food Sunday may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit, continue to blow on us. May they inspire, empower and lead ordinary people like us into extraordinary works of solidarity, reconciliation 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: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sexton: Andrew Brown

We also thank Maude Frechette who sings for us today courtesy of the **Fred Sangster Memorial Music Fund**

Happy birthday to Brenda Imbeault (16), Mylène Gilbert Dumas (20), Esaie Kuitche (22).

Happy anniversary to Ashley Cooper Bowen and Tom Coates (18).

Bulletin covers: Inge Lunkenbein (819 346-7750) is 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.

Membership classes: Are you interested in better knowing the United of Canada and/or becoming member at Plymouth-Trinity? Please check with our minister.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation: The protestant Reformation was launched in October 1517 when Martin Luther, a monk and professor in the university at Wittenberg, in Saxony, gave notice that he wanted to dispute a bunch of church teachings which seemed to him far from the Gospels he was reading with his students. From that disputation came conflict between Christians, and new ways of thinking that reach far beyond the church. So as heirs of Luther and of the Reformation, we're taking time in October 2017 to reflect on how those events continue to shape not only our faith, but also the world we live in.

This important anniversary is the cover story in the October issue of The United Church Observer.

Come and join us at Plymouth-Trinity on Friday, October 27 at 5 p.m.; snacks will be provided.

We'll watch a film of Luther's life, and go on to discuss how his life informs our lives and our world.

Next week

Sunday, October 22:

Lectionary readings

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Le culte en français a lieu à 9 h.

English service at 10:30.

In the community

Ministerial activities: On Friday, our minister chaired the meeting of the Table Régionale of the Ministries in French (MIF). He will attend the meeting of the Quebec Presbytery's Executive on Tuesday, October 17.

Congregational visioning meeting, October 22: As most of you know, or will read in a letter to be sent this week, we are entering a period of serious reflection about the future of our community of faith. We face financial issues as well as burnout of our volunteers. What do we want for our church family – how do we see our future?

To discuss these important issues there will be a meeting for the anglophone section of our congregation next Sunday, October 22, from approx. 1-4 p.m., following the 10:30 morning service and lunch. The Rev. Angelika Piché, a United Church minister designated to lead visioning conversations, will be the facilitator. If you are unable to attend the worship service, please still come to the meeting. And if you cannot be there in person, please send your remarks and reflections in writing to Jack Eby at jeby@ubishops.ca or c/o 380 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, QC J1H 4M7.

There will be a separate meeting of the French-speaking members of our congregation and a joint meeting at a future date. **Please mark October 22** on your calendars, and make every attempt to attend this meeting.

Gifts with Vision 2017: The new United Church “Giving catalogue” arrived with the October issue of The Observer last week. There will be copies available at the front and back of the sanctuary OR you can check the website www.giftswithvision.ca to choose gifts or make donations; tax receipts will be issued. The Gifts with Vision programme has given over \$1.7 million to United Church partners making a difference in people’s lives.

An example from the new catalogue: A gift of \$25 provides farming training and a package of seed for a Mayan woman, via the Guatemala Conference of Evangelical Churches.

Moisson Estrie: The local food bank has launched a new fundraising campaign: Club des nouilles or Pasta Club. Members are those who commit to donating at least \$5 per month for a year. These extra funds, which are tax-deductible, will enable Moisson Estrie to stock the precious macaroni, spaghetti and other forms of pasta which are essential items, especially for low-income families. The money will also go towards other basic ingredients which are always in short supply, such as flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter and canned fruit and vegetables.

Because of generous partners, \$5/month is multiplied by 12, i.e. for each \$5, \$60 of food is distributed.

Each week the food bank assists about 300 individuals or families as well as supporting around 30 community organisations and a dozen schools.

Please remember Moisson Estrie when you do your weekly grocery shopping, with a special thought on our Super Sundays. Or join the Club des nouilles at www.moissonestrie.com. Last week we collected and took 80 kilos of vegetables to Moisson Estrie.

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