

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 26, 2017 – Reign of Christ Sunday

## 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.

## Call to worship

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

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, (x3)

Uyai mose zvino.

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker, (x3)

Come now and worship your God.

**\*Opening prayer**

VU 214

**\*Hymn** Crown him with many crowns

VU 211

## Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace (from Ezekiel 34)

God will search for the sheep, we are assured; the Lord will seek them out.

**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

God rescues us from all the places we have been scattered during times of challenge and tragedy in our lives.

**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

God will feed us within a green pasture, where we will graze and lie down in good land.

**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

. OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

\* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

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**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

God seeks justice, abhors evil, and longs for shalom.

**We are the sheep of God's pasture.**

**We bring our needs to God.**

*(a time of silent reflection)*

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

**Thanks be to the Shepherd,  
our guide and our protector.**

*Susan McAllister, Princess Street U.C., Kingston, Ont.*

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## Children's time

\* Hymn Lord, speak to me VU 589

### \* Confession of faith

#### Prayer for illumination

Scripture Ezekiel 34: 11-24 OT 803

Matthew 25: 31-46 NT 29

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

**Anthem:** *'Rejoice, the Lord is King'* by G.F. Handel

**Sermon:** *The ROCS rocks: did you see them, tell me did you see them?*

### Personal reflection

\* Hymn When I needed a neighbour VU 600

#### Minute for mission

#### Offering

\* Offertory 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!

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## Postlude

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# Announcements

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today. On this last Sunday of the Church year, the Reign of Christ Sunday, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit continue to blow on us, inspiring, empowering and leading 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:** Kristi Roht

**Ushers:** Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

**Sexton:** Robert Stratton

**Happy birthday** to Sarah (Stratton) Ashby (December 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Bulletin covers this week** are donated by Gerry and Vera Armstrong in memory of Irene Arbery.

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

**Christmas baskets:** The UCW will be preparing their Christmas baskets (15) on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to contribute cookies for the baskets can please leave them in the kitchen Sunday, December 3rd, clearly marked 'UCW Christmas baskets'.

**Christmas baking:** Janet McBurney is once again taking orders for Christmas puddings. Large pudding \$14, small (syrup can size) \$6. Please contact Janet at [j.mcburney@sympatico.ca](mailto:j.mcburney@sympatico.ca) or 819-565-9716 by December 15<sup>th</sup> – delivery December 17<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds to the UCW.

## *This week*

**Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.:** meeting of the Ecumenical Local Committee.

## *Next week*

**Sunday, December 3:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **Lectionary readings**

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Service en français à 9 h

Worship in English at 10:30 a.m.

**7 p.m.: Ecumenical Carols and Candles service** with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, St. George's Anglican Church and Lennoxville United, at St. Andrew's.

## *In the community*

**St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club** invites you to a presentation by Dr. Mark Vellend, U of S, on his research on how the forest vegetation in the Parc national du Mont Mégantic has changed over the past four decades. Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Amedée Beaudoin Community Centre, Lennoxville.

**St. Mark's Chapel Choir** on Bishop's University campus invites us to their annual Service of Lessons & Carols. This special candlelit service will feature traditional anthems and carols to usher in the Advent and Christmas season. A freewill offering will be collected to support local charities. Saturday, Dec 2, 7:30 pm & Sunday, Dec 3, 4:00 pm. Parking is free. All are welcome!

# Outreach

**Gifts with Vision 2017:** The new United Church “Giving catalogue” arrived with the November issue of *The Observer*. There are copies available at the front and back of the sanctuary ; you can also check the website [www.giftswithvision.ca](http://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.

**Example:** A gift of \$25 will contribute to garden and beehive care supplies at Saint Columba House in Montreal, and provide funds for one community member to learn bee care.

**White Gift Sunday, December 10:** Once again we will be donating non-perishable food items and money to Sherbrooke Elementary School's Christmas Basket Campaign which looks after SES families in need. Please plan to bring whatever you can in two weeks.

**Moisson Estrie:** The local food bank has launched a new fundraising campaign: Club des nouilles or Pasta Club. Members 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](http://www.moissonestrie.com).





