

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2018

## 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.

<b>*Introit</b>	Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife, the faithful few fought bravely to guard your people's life. Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored, was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.	<i>VU 274.3</i>
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## \*Call to worship / Opening prayer

One: God has called us and made our ears tingle!

**All: Here I am, for God has called me!**

One: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will listen?  
Who will tell the story?

**All: Here we are, for God has called us!**

One: God calls the small and helps them do great things.  
Children, too, hear the Word of God and serve. Who will go for  
me now, says God?

**All: Here we are, for God has called us!**

One: Then let us gather, young and old, to hear God's word  
and sing God's praise.

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

We pray to you, Holy One: you have searched us inside and out, and you know us deeply and intimately. You love us no matter what. You guide us in your paths and steer our course. We praise you for you have made us with great care.

**All: Open us always to your Spirit, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *I am the light of the world*

VU 87

### Children's time

<b>*Response</b> Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!	VU 400
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*Dieu, tes enfants te prient, écoute, Dieu, remplis-nous de ton Esprit;  
Dieu, tes enfants prient, écoute, toi l'amour, toi la grâce et la vie.*

### Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

One: We pray to you, O God, because we tend to ignore how very powerful a people we could be when we think of the many things we can do (pause)

...with our technology ...(pause)...with our money...(pause)...with our time...(pause)

...with our talents...(pause)...

But sometimes the things we do are not helpful particularly when we think of times when our words have hurt people...(pause)...when the choices we have made with our money have hurt people...(pause)... or when we think of times when we could have spent time with others, and wasted it instead... (pause)... You are inviting us to take a moment to think of ways we have not been your ambassadors this week. (silence).

**All: Please forgive us. Amen.**

One: The Good News, however, is that we are meant for God, and God is meant for us. Though we sometimes fail in living God's way, God will never stop loving us, or stop helping us to do better. All who listen to the call of God are forgiven and shown a new way!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



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# New Year's Closing Prayer: Prayer for strength and wisdom

Dear God,  
Grant me the strength from day to day  
To bear what burdens come my way.  
Grant me throughout this New Year  
More to *welcome* and less to fear.  
Help me live that I may be  
From spite and petty malice free.

Let me not bitterly complain  
When cherished hopes of mine prove vain,  
Or spoil with deeds of hate and rage  
Some fair tomorrow's spotless page.  
And as the days shall come and go  
In courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today  
Help me to put my faults away.  
Let me be big in little things;  
Grant me the joy which friendship brings.  
Keep me from selfishness and spite;  
Let me be wise in what is right.

A happy New Year! Grant that I  
May bring no tear to any eye.  
When this New Year in time shall end  
Let it be said I've played the friend,  
Have lived and loved and labored here,  
And made of it a happy year.

--Edgar A. Guest (adapted by Claudia Demers).

# Announcements

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today. On this second Sunday after Epiphany, may we remember that we also have been called by our name by God. “Come and see!” is the invitation we are challenged to receive and to offer as individuals and as a community.

**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:** Pam Eby

**Ushers:** Jim Innes and Val Rawlings

**Sextons:** Robert Stratton

**Happy birthday** to Gordon Lambie (Jan. 17), Martyn Sadler (Jan. 18), Ernest Njiemoun (Jan.19) and Michael Eby (Jan. 20)

**Bulletin covers this week** are donated by Janet McBurney in memory of Beatrice Markey.

**Annual Report:** deadline for material is next Sunday, January 21 - in order to complete and distribute the report on February 4, one week before the Annual congregational meeting on February 11.

**UCW spring fundraiser** will be Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – details to follow.

**Office Secretary:** *Galine Dongmo*, who has been with us for the past few months, has been accepted in a programme at Université de Sherbrooke that will require her full attention and energy; she has therefore resigned from the position of secretary. On behalf of the Board and the rest of the congregation, the Ministry & Personnel Committee would like to thank Galine Dongmo for her excellent work and wish her all the best as she embarks on this new journey.

Galine Dongmo, qui agit à titre de secrétaire depuis les derniers mois, a été accepté dans un programme à l'Université de Sherbrooke et elle devra consacrer tout son temps à ses études. Ainsi elle démissionne du poste. Au nom du Conseil de la paroisse et de la communauté, le comité M&P la remercie pour son excellent travail et lui souhaite les meilleurs succès alors qu'elle entreprend ce nouveau défi.

## *This week*

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** - Board meeting will meet in the parlour at 7.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** the minister will attend the meetings of the Executive of the Quebec Presbytery and the Table des Ministères francophones.

## *Next week*

**Sunday, January 21:** 3rd Sunday after Epiphany.

**Lectionary readings:** Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12;

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and Mark 1:14-20

Service en français à 9 h

Worship in English at 10:30 a.m.

## *In the community*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Annual ecumenical service next Sunday, January 21 at Lennoxville United at 2 p.m. Our minister is preaching. We are all encouraged to attend.

**The Boundaries commission** is proposing 17 regions to replace the present presbyteries and conferences. We are part of Region 14 that regroups the Presbytery of Quebec and the Consistoire Laurentien (minus l'église unie Saint Marc). For more information go to <http://www.united-church.ca/news/interim-report-regional-council-boundaries>.

# Outreach

**Gifts with Vision 2017/18:** There are copies of the current United Church *Giving catalogue* 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 \$10.50 will provide nutritious meals for one person for a week in the Back Door Mission in Oshawa, ON.

**Mitten tree:** We again have our outlet for winter shoppers and idle fingers! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks/Scarves) for homeless people. The gift bags contain hats, underwear, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes, either hand-made or bought, as well as toiletries. Our mitten tree will be ready to receive "fruit", including toothbrushes, soap, etc. for HUGS between Advent and Palm Sunday.

**Moisson Estrie:** The local food bank has launched Club des nouilles or Pasta Club. Members commit to donating at least \$5 per month for a year. These extra funds, 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. Or join the Club des nouilles at [www.moissonestrie.com](http://www.moissonestrie.com).





