

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

7th Sunday of Easter / Christian Family Sunday / Mother's Day
May 13, 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 we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

***Call to worship**

God of eternal life and truth,
we gather in this holy place to worship you.

We are happy because we follow your way!

We listen to your word, sing songs of praise and ask you to hear our prayers.

We are happy because we follow your way!

We try to hear and obey your commandments and the ways you want us to live.

We are happy because we follow your way!

We are like trees rooted in good soil and bearing good fruit.

We are happy because we follow your way!

You guide us and protect us all the days of our lives.

We are happy because we follow your way! Thanks be to you, God. Alleluia!

Come, let us worship God!

OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United

* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

MV: More Voices

***Gathering song**

This is the day

MV 122

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad (x2)
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

Voici le jour que Dieu a fait; nous le vivrons dans la joie (x2)
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!
Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!
Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.

***Opening prayer**

***Hymn**

I have called you by your name

MV 161

Children's time

***Hymn**

I am a child of God

MV 157

***Affirmation of faith**

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

NT 118

1 John 5:9-13

NT 241

John 17:6-19

NT 111

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love

VU 574

Minute for mission

Offering

***Response**

MV 57

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie, alléluia!

I'll praise eternal God with all my heart, and
I will recount your marvellous works and glorify your name.
I'll praise eternal God with all my heart,
I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy. Alleluia!

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

Be thou my vision

VU 642

***Benediction**

*Halle! Halle! Halle!

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this seventh Sunday of Easter, and Family/Mother's Day Sunday, may the gentle winds of the Spirit help us be One, so that the prayer of Jesus may be fulfilled in our lives.

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.

Thank you to Janet McBurney, who leads worship today. Our minister is taking a few days off, to May 14. In the case of pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Linda Buchanan at Lennoxville United Church, at revlindabuchanan@gmail.com or 819-565-8449.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Kristi Roht

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein and Val Rawlings

Sexton: Jim Innes

The bulletin covers and flowers this week are donated by Hazel Innes in memory of her mother, Lilly Pierce, who died August 16, 1982.

Happy birthday to Laura Cloutier-Young (on May 13), Adrien Pasche (May 14), Inge Lunkenbein and Corentine Navenec (both on May 16), Li Xiang (Mary) Liao (May 19). **Happy anniversary** to Susan & Richard Stratton (celebrating on May 17).

Today

Spring Update: Deadline for reports and interesting tidbits about the P-T family -- to Inge or Vivienne at vivgal@sympatico.ca

This week

Tuesday, May 15: The Church Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Next week

Sunday, May 20, Pentecost

Lectionary readings: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

A bilingual service at 10:30 a.m., with Communion; culte bilingue à 10h30, avec Sainte Cène

Please let the minister know if somebody wishes to receive Communion at home or in hospital.

The wooden Benevolent Fund box is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each time we share in Holy Communion we have the opportunity to donate to this fund, which is used to purchase food vouchers for the minister to distribute to people in need, including our own members.

The United Church of Canada

Student bursaries available: Three bursaries administered by the Finance and Extension Board of the Montreal Presbytery are available to post-secondary students who are active members in congregations of the Quebec and/or Laurentian presbyteries. Preference will be given to those registered in Canadian educational institutions. The application deadline is June 8, 2018. For more information and application forms, go online to QuebecPresbytery.ca/Administration/Bursaries-Forms-and-Grants and there is also information posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.

MNO Conference/AGM 2018: The Synod Montreal & Ottawa Conference holds a face-to-face meeting, with a celebration of ministry, in Hudson on May 26.

The United Church of Canada's General Council 43 is coming up in July in Oshawa. Plus the Festival of Faith (Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22, a free celebration of our work and witness through the arts); follow the Facebook page for details. The Social Innovation Challenge (also free) is July 22; see www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/oshawa. And/or pop by the P-T Secretary's office for more details.

Community

Bird watching field trip: All are welcome to join members of the St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club at the Marais Réal Carbonneau, Boul. St. François, Sherbrooke, on Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The Ecumenical Liaison Committee invites you to a happening on Pentecost, May 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. It takes place at Parc Belvedere (in Ascot) and is an opportunity to joyfully share gifts and talents in music and arts. Christians from all denominations come celebrate our unity in diversity! Please contact Capt. Claude Dagenais at claudes_dagenais@can.salvationarmy.org or 819-578-5619 if you are interested in taking an active part.

Janet McBurney will participate in her 15th Relay For Life to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society on June 15th. This is our chance to help create a world where no one fears cancer -- and have a great time doing it! Tax receipts are available upon request for donations of \$10 or more. Candles are available for \$5.00 and are personalized in honour of those battling cancer or in memory of those who lost the fight. For more information, please contact Janet at 819-565-9716 after 6 p.m. or janetjammcb@gmail.com by June 3rd.

Dirty hands feel good! Come join hands with Gordon, Michael and Samuel if you like to garden (and if you'd like the church grounds to look even more beautiful). Get in touch and we will figure out a time.

The next Messy Church event is Friday, June 8, for children of all ages, and will be held at Lennoxville United Church from 5 p.m. It typically includes a creative time to explore a biblical theme while getting messy, a short celebration, and a meal.

Outreach

Moisson Estrie: There are boxes marked for the Moisson Estrie food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary. Please especially consider donating macaroni, spaghetti, flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables.

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