

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
93rd anniversary of Church Union
June 10, 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.

***Gathering song**

MV 1 (1, 4)

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Bâtissons un lieu duquel nos mains s'offrirons en s'ouvrant,
pour servir au loin les prochains au nom du Dieu vivant.
Ceux qui sont courbées, opprimés, enfin se mettront debout;
les dangers et leurs peurs sont écartées.
Venez, entrez! Venez, entrez! Venez entrez! C'est chez vous!

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

*Call to worship

In the beginning, God created heaven and earth.

On June 10, 1925, we co-created a new denomination called The United Church of Canada. As we come before the Creator, let us wonder at all that God has created.

*Hymn

VU 213

Rejoice, the Lord is king

Anniversary prayer

Today we mark this 93rd anniversary of The United Church of Canada.

We believe that you call us to seek unity and build bridges, Gracious God, **but others accuse us of being wishy-washy and indecisive.**

We have responded to your call to follow the Way of Jesus, **but others tell us that maybe we aren't really Christians at all.**

We seek to take scripture seriously and let it shape our lives, **but others tell us we have abandoned your Word.**

You tell us to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

You call us to risk everything for the sake of your gospel, **but others tell us that we have risked too much, questioned too much, debated too much, and have lost our way.**

Remind us, Gracious God, of who and whose we are. **Remind us, in scripture, in song, in prayer, of your call and your mission for each of us and for our denomination. Amen.**

Response

MV 96 (1, 2)

And when you call for me, I have already answered.

And when you call for me, I am already there.

Et lorsque tu m'appelles, que déjà j'ai répondu.

Et lorsque tu m'appelles, que déjà je suis là.

Children's time

*Hymn

VU 669

Jesus, lover of my soul

***Affirmation of faith**

Prayer for illumination

Tua Palavra

MV 108

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 4:13 to 5:1

(NT 181)

Mark 3:20-35

(NT 37)

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

Meditation: The family of Jesus, a kinship of a new kind

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 559

Come, O fount of every blessing

Minute for mission

Offering

***Response**

VU 575.1

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time!

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

VU 655

All my hope on God is founded

***Benediction**

***Response**

VU 572

Thuma mina!

Thuma mina; thuma mina; thuma mina. Somandla!

Send me, Lord.

Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me Jesus. Send me Lord.

Change moi, Seigneur!

Change-moi, Jésus,

change-moi Jésus,

change-moi Jésus.

Oui change-moi!

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this third Sunday after Pentecost, let us strive to embrace and follow the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the 93rd anniversary of Church Union, let us re-member the ties that bind us in true discipleship.

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. You will find them on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Kristi Roht

Ushers: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

The bulletin covers this week are donated by a friend in memory of Douglas Armitage, and by Ruby and Stuart Robinson, in memory of Wilda and Fred Robinson and Helen and Alfred Robinson.

Happy birthday to Martin Lunkenbein (on June 10), Rylan Beckett-Marshall (June 12), and happy anniversary to Hazel & Jim Innes (June 15).

The Call to Worship this week was written by Jim McKean, of St. Paul's United Church, in Orillia, Ont.

The Anniversary Prayer was written by Susan Lukey, of High River U.C., High River, Alta.

A big thank you to the Rev. Cathy Hamilton who preached last week, and to Pam Eby who filled in for organist Leslie Young.

This week

Wednesday, June 13: Presbytery Executive meeting in Montreal.

Thursday, June 14: Reach Out luncheon (or brunch!) at the Buffet des Continents, located in the shopping centre at the corner of Galt and Belvedere, LE Centre Sherbrooke, 340 Belvedere South.

Friday, June 15: Gardeners meet every Friday at 10 a.m. to get their hands dirty! Come join with Gordon, Michael and Samuel if you like to garden (and if you'd like the church grounds to look even more beautiful).

Next week

Sunday, June 17, 4th after Pentecost

Lectionary readings: 1 Samuel 15:34 to 16:13; Psalm 20;
2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

A single, bilingual service, at 10:30 a.m., with Communion (but no Sunday school)

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.

Upcoming

United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni (Presbytery summer camp) is set for Richmond, June 24 to 30. Programming is for kids aged 8 to 15. The cost is \$375, but there is campership funding available. Contact Shanna Bernier for more info, at shanna.bernier@gmail.com .

Sixth Annual P-T fundraiser at The Piggery: Enjoy country-folk music? Want to support Plymouth-Trinity? Come to The Piggery Theatre on Wednesday, June 27 at 8 p.m. and hear Naomi Bristow, The Yodelin' Cowgirl. "Naomi's love for old tyme traditional country music led her to self-taught yodeling." You can check out her style at www.naomibristow.com or on YouTube. Tickets are \$20 and available by contacting Janet McBurney at 819-565-9716 after 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Plymouth-Trinity's UCW.

The United Church of Canada

The United Church of Canada's General Council 43 is coming up in July in Oshawa. The website is at generalcouncil43.ca

Community

Relay for Life: Janet McBurney will participate in her 15th Relay for Life to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society this Friday, June 15th. Tax receipts are available upon request for donations of \$10 or more. Personalized candles are available for \$5. For more information, please contact Janet at 819-565-9716 after 6 p.m. or janetjammcb@gmail.com.

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.

Quebec food banks estimate that 400,000 Quebec residents, including 150,000 children, are going hungry.

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