

Lennoxville & Plymouth-Trinity United Churches

Order of Worship

August 5th, 2018
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

***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 écartés.
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

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

VU 240

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven

Praying with Ephesians 4

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 508

Just as I am

***Affirmation of faith**

Prayer for illumination

Tua Palavra / I know your Word

MV 108

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.

I know your Word, your Word is a lamp to my feet, O God.

I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path for ever.

I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path for ever.

Scriptures

2 Samuel 11:26–12:13 a

(OT 285)

Psalms 51:1–12

(VU p. 776)

John 6:24–35

(NT 98)

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

Tua Palavra / I know your Word

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Meditation Speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way...

Personal reflection

***Hymn** **VU 271**
There's a wideness in God's mercy

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 274**
Your hand, O God, has guided

***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 11th Sunday after Pentecost, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit help us discern the right moves and press on forward accordingly.

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 the candles on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We warmly welcome our sisters and brothers from Lennoxville United to our joint August worship services, and thank them for their kind hospitality in July.

Rev. Linda Buchanan, who will lead our service next week.

Next Sunday

We will share in the Lord's Supper. Please let the minister know if somebody would like to receive Communion at home or in hospital.

The wooden Benevolent Fund box will be 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.

Or please consider giving the gift of food itself. 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.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Esther Barnett

Ushers: Jean Dion and Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Condolences to Bonnie Juby-Smith, Haydn and Taylor, and Bonnie's parents Beatrice and Malcolm Juby, in the recent death of their husband, father and son-in-law, Gary John Smith.

Our sympathy to the Rev. Martyn Sadler on the death of his cousin Barbara. Martyn was near London, ON last week for the funeral.

The bulletin covers this week are donated by Jack & Pam Eby in memory of Pam's parents Kay and Jack Gill.

Happy birthday, belatedly, to Jack Eby and Hope Marshall (both celebrated July 3), Susan Stratton (July 8), Haydn Juby (July 9), Myriam Elkas (July 13), Cathy Ashby (July 19), Peter Woodman (July 26), and Jules Perron (July 28). And belated happy anniversary wishes to Ann and Dave Fowlis (July 16), and to Marilyn & Chris Bryant (July 23).

And now for this week's best wishes! Happy birthday to Erin Mallory (Aug. 2); happy anniversary to Helene Cloutier & Leslie Young (Aug. 1), Kerry Philbrick & Sid Patton (Aug. 5).

Congratulations and best wishes to Heather Marshall, daughter of Cathy and Allan, and Casey Simeon, who announced their engagement recently.

Camp kids: Shanna Bernier sends a quick note about the Presbytery summer camp held the last week in June. "Camp United Spirit was a great success with beautiful weather at its new location in Cleveland (right next to Richmond) at Camp d'Action Biblique. We hosted 78 campers between 7 and 15

years old, with no fewer than 10 people from our congregation participating! Thank you to everyone who came and showed support.”

UCW fundraiser: Janet McBurney writes, “Thanks to all who supported this year’s Piggery event. We sold a total of 45 tickets and received donations for a total of \$460.00 profit.”

Mission and Service donations 2017 exceed objective! Thanks to all who helped Plymouth-Trinity reach a very generous total of \$15,729, exceeding our objective by over \$700: thanks to individual donors, the UCW, those who promoted M&S through Minutes for Mission, etc.

The 2018 theme is *Loving our neighbours*; let us continue to remember those beyond our congregation.

Note that our contractors are continuing with various church building construction and renovation projects this month; apologies for any inconveniences.

Next week

Sunday, Aug 12, 12th after Pentecost

Lectionary readings: 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41–51

One service at 10:30 a.m., with Communion, led by Lennoxville United’s Rev. Linda Buchanan. There will be NO Sunday school.

The United Church of Canada

Our new moderator: The United Church of Canada has elected the Rev. Richard Bott, 49, from Vancouver, as its 43rd Moderator. You can find more details via our website, at PlymouthTrinityChurch.org.

Plymouth-Trinity's Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho attended the UCC's General Council 43 in Oshawa, along with Carno Tchuarni Jiembou (check out his photographs on our FaceBook page). Additionally, Samuel was elected a member of the UCC Denominational Council; he asks that we all support and pray for him as he takes on these new responsibilities.

Call for photos: It's time to consider submitting your photographs for the United Church's 2020 calendar, and also for bulletin covers! The deadline for bulletin covers is Oct. 30. The United Church is looking for crosses, religious themes, church architectural details, nature photos, and pictures of people doing things... For calendars, send exterior and interior pictures of churches, seasonal displays, and more; the deadline for calendar submissions is Dec. 30. There's a \$100 honorarium for a chosen photograph. For complete listings of what the church is looking for, and how to submit, check the bulletin board in the church hall or www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/submit-your-photos

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