

Lennoxville & Plymouth-Trinity United Churches

Order of Worship

August 12th, 2018
12th 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

One: Across a vast universe, points of light
Among a galaxy's hostile stars, a world of warmth.
Au milieu de l'effervescence urbaine,
un sanctuaire d'espérance.
A hungry person asks,

All: and there is an answer.

A hectic city wonders,
and there is a chorus of joyful voices.
L'appel d'un Mystère sacré retentit,
Notre adoration et notre amour sont notre réponse.

[Robin Wardlaw, Gathering Pent 1, 2018 (Year B), p32-33. Trans. D Fortin.]

*Hymn

VU 582 (1, 3, 5, 7)

There's a spirit in the air

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Gathering Prayer**

All: God, raise our expectations as we worship today.

**Do not leave us content to settle for a feel-good moment,
for a tidbit of usable wisdom,
for a momentary easing of stress.**

**Accorde-nous d'être en quête
d'une rencontre avec le Christ ressuscité
pour qu'alors nous soyons véritablement transformés
et devenions son corps vivant dans le monde.
En ce nom sacré et saint, nous prions. Amen.**

[John Moses, *Gathering Pent 1, 2018 (Year B)*, p36. Trans. D Fortin.]

Children's Time

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

***Hymn**

MV 173

Put peace into each other's hands

Scriptures

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (...)

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.

Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.
This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one
may eat of it and not die.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever
eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will
give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm 130

VU p. 852-853

Sermon I am

Reflective Music

Offering

Response **VU 575 (1)**

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

Prayer of dedication: Practicing Generosity

**All: We bring before you, God, our gifts- gifts of our labours,
gifts from our hearts, gifts that remind us that life is to be
shared with others as we face our hopes and our
challenges. Bless these offerings, and the spirit in which
they have been given. Amen.**

[Catherine Somerville and Bill Steadman, Gathering Pentecost 1 2018 (Year B), p44.]

Communion Liturgy / We gather at the table of Christ

Introduction

Hymn

VU461

Bread of the World

One: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God, our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

It is right, God, to give you thanks, and to celebrate, here at your table.

Alleluia!

We give you thanks, for your love.

Love that created all that is.

Love that lives in all that is.

Love that surrounds all that is.

From the very beginning, you gave us life –

and in that life, change – and in that change, wonder.

Difficult times, simple times. Times of joy and times of sorrow – all wrapped up in this thing called life.

From the very beginning, you brought us into relationship, with you and with each other.

In that relationship, we were changed.

In that relationship, you were changed.

Sometimes, afraid, we ran away from you.

Sometimes, afraid, we run away from you.

But, over and over and over, you forgave us our fear.

Your love was so great that you never walked away.

You called us back, again and again, through the words of the prophets, through the actions of the judges, through the teachings of the grandmothers and the grandfathers.

Through that love you were changed.

Through that love we were changed – and, each time, we are made new.

Thank you, God of life!

Alleluia!

When the time was right, you called Jesus, to embody your Love – to walk with us in our journey.

All: Helping us to see the hope of your presence.

Helping us to know the love of your life.

Helping us to feel the gift of your grace.

He taught all that your “kingdom is coming and your kingdom is here!” He laughed with those who laughed and mourned with those who mourned.

By his gifts we know liberation!

Alleluia!

We Remember Christ in the Breaking of the Bread and the Sharing of the Cup

One: *And so we remember Jesus of Nazareth,
And so we remember the mystery of our faith:*

All: Jesus has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ is with us now!

Prayer of the People and for the People

All: The Lord’s Prayer

The bread of life. & *The cup of love.*

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

[Richard Bott, Sharing Liturgy, July 8 2011. <http://liturgy.richardbott.com/?p=568>]

Post-Communion Prayer

All: Creator God,

**we give you thanks for the grain farmers,
the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers.**

Redeemer God,

**we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have
shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and
resurrection.**

**Sustaining God,
we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit
with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life.**

[Joanna Harader, and posted on the **Spacious Faith** blog.spaciousfaith.com/]

***Hymn**

VU 512

Lord, You give the great commission

Commissioning and final blessing

***Response: Amen**

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Sunday, 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.

Today we are sharing 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 can be found 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 directly. There are boxes marked for the Moisson Estrie food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary. While summer – and holidays for some – continue, several Québec food banks report they're still busy because "hunger never takes a vacation". Hunger still helps define poverty. Poor people in our area require even more help during summer because food programmes in schools and other institutions are usually closed down.

While donations of food are always welcome, cheques are transformed into economic miracles by food banks. Please remember Moisson Estrie and those who depend on it, as you buy your weekly groceries and open your cheque-book.

We warmly welcome our sisters and brothers from Lennoxville
United to our joint August worship services
And welcome also to Rev. Linda Buchanan, who leads our service
today!

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Dave McCormack

Ushers: Bruce Gilbert & Carol Smith

Communion: Dave Fowlis & Kristi Roht

Sexton: Jim Innes

Happy birthday to Xiang Peng Liao (Aug. 15); happy anniversary
to Ruby & Stuart Robinson (Aug. 17).

Our thanks to retiring P-T gardeners Inge Lunkenbein and Kristi
Roht who for a 10th year organised the preparation of the
garden beds and did some of the planting of the flowers around
the church building. Thanks also to Gordon Lambie, Michael Eby
and Samuel – our garden team of the future?

The director of the Moisson Estrie food bank sent us a letter of
thanks for P-T's regular donations (via the boxes at the front
and back of the sanctuary). Here's an English translation:
"It is with great pleasure that we receive the fruits of your food
drive for Moisson Estrie. During our last fiscal year, that is,
from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, we received from
Plymouth-Trinity 183 kg of food, the equivalent of 37 bags of
groceries, which were in turn donated to people in need in our
region.

"But your gesture far exceeds these results. Your continued
donations demonstrate your commitment to your neighbours,
a recognition that you are a church rooted in the community,
concerned about and wishing to help improve the quality of
life of your fellow citizens.

"Moisson Estrie is far more than a food bank. We accompany
and advise people in need, enabling them to access resources

that make a difference in their lives. We are happy to be able to act within a community of solidarity, with the support of generous donors.

On behalf of the Moisson Estrie team, I thank you warmly for your donations.”

When leaving the church, whether during business hours or even at odd hours, please remember to check whether others are in the building before you set the alarm. We pay for false alarms.

Our contractors continue with various church building construction and renovation projects this month; apologies for the inconveniences.

Lost & found: Have you misplaced a hat or somesuch in the church? A Lost & Found box can now be... found... in the church hall, right next to the elevator.

This week

Thursday, Aug 16: The Education & Outreach Team meets at 9:30 a.m. in the parlour.

Next week

Sunday, Aug 19, 13th after Pentecost

Lectionary readings: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15–20; John 6:51–58

One service at 10:30 a.m., led by Plymouth-Trinity United’s Rev Samuel V Dansokho. Pam Eby will be our organist.

Community

The Eaton Corner Museum’s annual Old-Fashioned Day is today, August 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. Demonstrations of heritage crafts, tea and scones, lots more. Entry is \$10.

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) holds its Summer Market fundraising Penny Sale this month! There will

be baked goods, books, jams, jellies, cut flowers and a silent auction. Friday, August 24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Aug 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Lennoxville United Church (6 Church St., corner Queen).

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