

# Plymouth-Trinity United Church

## Order of Worship

September 2, 2018  
15th 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 courbés, opprimés, enfin se mettront debout;  
les dangers et leurs peurs sont écartés.  
Venez, entrez! Venez, entrez! Venez entrez! C'est chez vous!

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OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

\* the congregation standing, as able

## **\*Opening Prayer**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 389**

God is here

## **Prayer of confession and word of assurance**

### **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 374**

Come and find the quiet centre

### **\*Affirmation of faith**

## **Prayer for illumination**

Tua Palavra / I know your Word **MV 108 (3)**

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.

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## **Scriptures**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

**(OT 623)**

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

**(VU p 769)**

James 1:17-27

**(NT 229)**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**(NT 42)**

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

### **Hymn**

**VU 381**

Spirit of life

**Meditation**                      Fast and/or slow?

**Personal reflection**

**\*Hymn**

**VU 410**

This day God gives me

**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 213**

Rejoice, the Lord is king

**\*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** to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Labour Day Sunday, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit give us understanding in order to discern what is right, and then help us act 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 thank our volunteers:**

**Reader:** Vivienne Galanis

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

**Sexton:** Jim Innes

**Happy birthday** to Kaitlyn Patton on September 8.

**La Grande Table:** A combined cheque from Plymouth-Trinity and Lennoxville United for \$1,200 was presented to this community organisation during our Mission and Service luncheon last Sunday. Thanks to all who followed our Lenten Share calendar and made a contribution.

**Thanks to the team of** Ann, Dave, Jack and Selma, who prepared and served the M&S luncheon: this annual BBQ is always much appreciated.

**Our sympathy to** the family and friends of Walter George, husband of Annette Teasdale, whose funeral was held at P-T last Thursday.

**Martha Welsh** has settled into Grace Home and is enjoying the new surroundings. We continue to carry her in our prayers.

**Velma Clowery:** Val Rawlings and the minister had a nice visit with Velma last week, at the Sawyerville Residence.

**Our contractors continue** with various church building renovation projects; apologies for the inconveniences.

**Additionally,** a tree was uprooted during last Wednesday's rain storm, and fell on some parked cars in our lot. The fallen tree was cleared within a few hours.

### This week

**Labour Day Potluck:** Shanna Bernier and Gordon Lambie host a congregational potluck supper at their home, at 753 Malouin, in Sherbrooke, tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 3, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring a dish to share (a salad or dessert, for example) and a lawn chair. Our hosts will furnish compostable plates, cups, and napkins. Come one come all!

**Wednesday, September 5:** It's a busy week for spouses Gordon Lambie and Shanna Bernier! We will get to know them better by listening to their life stories. The pair talk about United Church summer camp and Youth Forums, faith formation for young people and their own journeys in the Church. 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the parlour. Arrive a bit early for refreshments!

**Wednesday, Sept. 5:** Presbytery Executive meets at 10 a.m. in Montreal.

**Thursday, Sept. 6:** Pastoral Care Team meets in the parlour at 1:30 p.m.

### Next week

**Sunday, Sept. 9, 16th after Pentecost**

**Lectionary readings:** Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Culte en français à 9 h; English worship at 10:30 a.m.

**Our worship leader** will be Allan Marshall, as Rev. Samuel will attend a meeting of the Executive of the United Church of Canada's new Denominational Council.

## United Church of Canada / Église Unie du Canada

The current **Gifts with Vision** catalogue, launched last October, is already at work making a difference in communities across Canada and around the world. Gifts with Vision has gifts for every occasion.

Gifts with Vision are here as we celebrate special occasions throughout the year—no wrapping paper necessary! There are gifts of food for people near and far, solar power gifts, gifts for farmers and beekeepers, gifts for reconciliation, and more at [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca). You will also find paper copies of the catalogue at the back of the sanctuary and opposite the coffee table.

### **Soul of the Community**, Building Neighbourhoods of Hope – 3:

Back by popular demand, a day of interactive workshops, community building and acknowledging the important role of faith communities in building healthy neighbourhoods. The event includes opportunities for discussion, building collaborative relationships and the sharing of plans and concerns. Save the date! Saturday, Nov 3. 9 am to 3:30 pm, at Saint Columba House (2365 Grand Trunk, Montreal).

**Call for photos:** It's time! The deadline for UCC bulletin covers is Oct. 30. The deadline for calendar submissions is Dec. 30. There's a \$100 honorarium for a chosen photograph. For complete info, check the bulletin board in the church hall or [www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/submit-your-photos](http://www.united-church.ca/community-faith/get-involved/submit-your-photos)

## Outreach

**There are boxes** marked for the Moisson Estrie food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary. Hunger still helps define poverty.

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.

## Community

**LAHMS Flea market** on Sept. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to benefit the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society. Call 819-564-0409 to rent a table for \$20 in Uplands Barn, 9 Speid Street, Sherbrooke (Borough of Lennoxville). Or just come and shop for some treasures.

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