

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

September 9, 2018

16th Sunday after Pentecost / Creation Time 1

Worship Leader: Allan Marshall

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

This is a place of refuge,

a place where we can be together within the Spirit.

But this is not a place where we can hide,

because we are called to faithful service.

We pause briefly to refresh our souls

so that we may refresh the soul of Creation.

Let us worship God.

(Don Uhryniw, Gathering Pent 2, 2018 (Year B) p25)

***Gathering song** Lord, listen to your children praying **VU 400**

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Opening Prayer**

(Wendy MacLean, Gathering Pent 2, 2018 (Year B) p27)

***Hymn**

VU 374

Come and find the quiet centre

Prayer of confession and words of assurance

(inspired by Mark 7)

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we have created community in this place.

**Forgive us, God,
when our faith community lacks vision or enthusiasm.**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we have made the cross a symbol of healing.

**Forgive us, God,
when we ignore the crying needs of those we don't
know,
those whose distress does not touch us.**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we have proclaimed that the truth will make us free.

**Forgive us, God,
when we close our minds to new ways of thinking,
fresh sources of inspiration.**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we believe that forgiveness may be received.

**Forgive us, God,
when we will not let our guilt go,
when we claim Your love cannot reach us.**

In the name of Jesus Christ,
help us to slow down and take a moment to silently reflect
on the many concerns at play in our hurried lives.

(short time of silent reflection)

Your assurance is ours, O God.

**Nothing is beyond your power
to enlighten, to heal, and to forgive.**

**Eternal source of hope, we rejoice that in You
new beginnings will open up for us.**

Pardon and peace are ours to accept.

We will know peace, thanks be to God! Amen.

Response Now thank we all our God **VU 236 (verse 2)**

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

Time for the young and young at heart The God box returns

***Hymn** **VU 624**

Give to us laughter

***Affirmation of faith** **VU 918 / 919**

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 **(OT 604)**

Psalms 125 **(VU p 849)**

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 **(NT 229)**

Mark 7:24-37 **(NT 42)**

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

Hymn **VU 227**

For the fruit of all creation

Meditation The audacity of hope!

Personal reflection

***Hymn** **VU 578**

As a fire is meant for burning

Minute for mission

Offering

***Response** **VU 538**

For the gift of creation, the gift of Your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank You and give You the fruit of our hands.
May Your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

VU 535

For the music of creation

***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this 16th Sunday after Pentecost, 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 own Presbytery Lay Worship Leader Allan Marshall for leading worship today.

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. 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 thank our volunteers:

Reader: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Happy birthday to Andrew Fowlis and Byrna Woodard (on Sept. 10), and Nathaniel Patton (Sept. 11).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Inge Lunkenbein and family in memory of Dieter Lunkenbein who died Sept. 11, 1985.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings: To Samuel's question last Sunday as to why we have two eyes but only one mouth, Bea Lambie replied: *You have to see more things than you have to say.*

Martha Welsh has settled into her new surroundings at Grace Village. Her new address and phone number: 2005-1515 Pleasant View, Sherbrooke, QC; J1M 0C6; 819.569-0546 ext. 2005.

P-T website: Have you checked it recently? Come visit!
www.PlymouthTrinityChurch.org

This week

Monday, September 10: The UCW will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Thelma's; note the time and date change for this meeting!

Tuesday, September 11: Meeting of the Montreal & Ottawa Conference Executive in Lachine.

Tuesday, September 11: The Church Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Wednesday, September 12: Worship Team meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Friday, September 14: Meeting of the Table des Ministère en Français (MIF) in Montreal.

Next week

Sunday, Sept. 16, 17th after Pentecost

Lectionary readings: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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

Upcoming

Congregational Visitation: Presbytery's Care and Support Committee will be meeting with the Plymouth-Trinity congregation after worship and lunch on Sunday, September 23. We will be visited by a team from Lennoxville United; their minister, the Rev. Linda Buchanan, will lead our worship service. Our minister (Samuel) and two of our Presbytery lay members (Vivienne and Kristi) will visit the Ayer's Cliff congregation. (The teams will meet the congregations and their M&P committees on Sept. 23 and the ministers at a later date.)

The questionnaire which will form the basis of the conversation will be sent out next week electronically, and also be available in paper copies.

The next Messy Church is at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5 at Lennoxville United. There will be stories, creating and a meal. The topic is *Who is Joseph of Egypt?* On Friday, November 2, the topic will be *Who is Ruth of Moab?* Learn about two heroes in the Bible!

The next Youth Forum has been scheduled for November 9 to 11, in Point-Claire. The group is planning an especially musical YOFO and is preparing an inspiration playlist. Save the date, and tell Shanna Bernier what tunes make you happy!

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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. You will also find paper copies of the catalogue at the back of the sanctuary and opposite the coffee table.

A gift of \$10.50 will provide daily nutritious meals for one person for a week at the Back Door Mission in Oshawa, ON.

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