

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

September 16, 2018
17th 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'offriront 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!

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

VU 217

All creatures of our God and King

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Children's time

***Hymn**

VU 371

Open my eyes, that I may see

***Affirmation of faith**

Prayer for illumination

MV 108 (3)

Tua Palavra / I know your Word

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

Proverbs 1:20-33

(OT 584)

Psalms 19

(VU p 740)

James 3:1-12

(NT 230)

Mark 8:27-38

(NT 43)

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

Hymn

VU 338

Ask me what great thing I know

Meditation But you, Who do you say I am?

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 467

One bread, one body

Offering taken during hymn and brought to the Communion table

Communion Liturgy

Anthem

Jesus my breath, My life, My Lord

(John Carter)

***Hymn**

VU 642

Be Thou my vision

***Benediction**

***Response**

Amen!

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this 17th Sunday after Pentecost, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit give us understanding in order to discern who Jesus is for us; then help us act in the way that reflects our understanding.

Bienvenue à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Des **Bibles en français** se trouvent à l'arrière.

If you are a visitor, please take a peace candle back to your congregation. You will find the candles on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Today

We 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 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.

Or please consider giving to the Moisson Estrie food bank; there are labelled boxes 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: Ann Fowlis

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Communion: Janet McBurney & Stuart Robinson

Happy birthday to Judy Hillman (on Sept. 21) and Theresa Wilkie (Sept. 22); happy anniversary to Shanna Bernier & Gordon Lambie (Sept. 17).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Kristi Roht in memory of her parents.

Congratulations to Michael Fowlis (now of Ottawa), who got down on one knee to propose to Nadia Lewis. She said Yes!

The twins are here! Daisy Grace (2,750 kg, 47 cm) and Samuel Legrand (3.240 kg, 50 cm) were born Wednesday, September 12 at Fleurimont. Congratulations to Floriane and Esaie who are back home now, and welcome to our little friends!

Kudos to Claire Avit Touoyem who is coming back from Baie-Comeau for her graduation from the Université de Sherbrooke, on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The gladioli in the sanctuary last week were brought by Inge Lunkenbein, in remembrance of her husband Dieter, who died Sept. 11, 1985.

This week

Nominations Committee of GCE: Samuel, who attended the Executive meeting of the General Council (GCE) last weekend, will return to Toronto on Sunday, for the September 17-18 meeting of the Nominations Committee.

Friday, September 21: Education & Outreach meets at 1 p.m. in the parlour.

Next week

Sunday, Sept. 23, 18th after Pentecost

Lectionary readings: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

Bilingual worship at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school, followed by the Mission & Service luncheon to celebrate September birthdays and anniversaries, and then the **Congregational Visitation**. Presbytery's Care and Support Committee will meet with the Plymouth-Trinity congregation. 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.)

You should have received an electronic copy of the questionnaire which will form the basis of the conversation; if not, it is also available on paper.

Upcoming

Place Ruth-Elkas-Atto: Ruth Elkas Atto, who died in May 2016, was a member of our community of faith, and more than that also a nurse, a nursing instructor and tireless volunteer. Her work in healthcare (including as a member of the CHUS Users' committee) will be marked by the naming of the entry area of the Fleurimont campus of the CHUS as Place Ruth-Elkas-Atto. A plaque in her honour will be unveiled on Wednesday, September 26. Our minister will represent Plymouth-Trinity at the 10:30 a.m. press conference and ceremony.

The spirit of Ruth will always live with us.

The UCW Tea will be held on Saturday, November 3. Save the date!

United Church of Canada

The Office of Vocation of the Ministry and Employment Unit –

part of the new United Church structure – has appointed Office of Vocation ministers who will help with the discernment, training and oversight of ministry personnel. The minister for our region is Karen Valley, an active lay leader at Zion-Memorial in Carleton Place, Ontario. She will begin her Office of Vocation work on November 1, 2018. See the United Church of Canada website for more information.

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