

# Plymouth-Trinity United Church

## Order of Worship

September 30, 2018  
19th 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!

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OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

\* the congregation standing, as able

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

**MV 28**

God of the Bible

**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 589**

Lord, speak to me

**\*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.

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**Scriptures**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

**(OT 448)**

Psalms 124

**(VU p 848)**

Mark 9:38-50

**(NT 45)**

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

**Response**

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**Message**      Relax, we are not called to be gatekeepers!

## **Personal reflection**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 578**

As a fire is meant for burning

## **Minute for mission**

### **Offering**

### **\*Response**

**VU 575 (1)**

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

## **Announcements and sharing in the life of the community**

## **Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 120**

O Jesus, I have promised

### **\*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 last Sunday in September, 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:** Kristi Roht

**Ushers:** Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

**Sexton:** Jim Innes

**More thanks:** Other volunteers to whom we are very grateful week after week are Hazel Innes and Sarah Stratton Ashby who care for our children at the children's table on Sunday mornings.

**Happy birthday** to Gladys Elkas & Hanne Butschkow (both on Sept. 30), Leslie Young (Oct. 2) and Chris Bryant (Oct. 6).

**The Worship Team is looking** for new members. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Janet, Kristi, Gordon, Leslie or Samuel.

**The Worship Team is also looking for your input.** We have prepared a survey in order to get your feedback and will use it to endeavour to make worship a meaningful experience for everyone. If you received the survey via email and are comfortable completing it on-line, simply hi-lite each of your

answers and fill in any comments, and return the survey to janetjammcb@gmail.com . NOTE: if you do not sign the electronic copy of the survey, you will be kept anonymous. If you prefer a paper copy and you do not have a printer, paper copies will be available at the back of the sanctuary from September 30th. Please complete the survey and place it in the designated box in the back of the sanctuary by October 14. If you wish to return it by mail, please send it to 380 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, J1H 4M7, clearly marked CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY. If you wish to receive a print copy by regular mail, please contact the church secretary during office hours, Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. The telephone number is 819-346-6373, and the email is PlymouthTrinityChurch@gmail.com. Questions? Please contact Janet McBurney at janetjammcb@gmail.com or 819-565-9716.

### This week

**Wednesday, October 3:** Telling Our Stories, at 7:30 p.m., with Corentine Navenec, who will talk about how she came to Plymouth-Trinity, and why she stayed. Plan to stay a bit later, as refreshments will be served *after* the presentation.

**Friday, October 5:** Messy Church for all ages, 5:30 p.m. at Lennoxville United (corner of Queen and Church streets). 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 heroes in the Bible!

### Next week

**Sunday, Oct. 7, Thanksgiving, and World Communion Sunday**

**Lectionary readings:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Bilingual worship at 10:30 a.m. with Communion (but NO Sunday school); un seule culte, bilingue, à 10 h 30, avec Sainte Cène (mais PAS d'école du dimanche)

**Thanksgiving:** Once again at this time we will collect donations of fresh fruit and vegetables (apples, squash, carrots, etc.) for the local food bank, Moisson Estrie, and special donations to Mission and Service. Please bring your harvest gifts to church on Sunday, October 7.

The food bank also gladly accepts cheques, made out to Plymouth-Trinity with a note they are for Moisson Estrie. Special Mission and Service envelopes will be available, donations to M&S should be placed with our regular envelopes and PAR cards on the offering plate.

**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.

## United Church of Canada / Église Unie du Canada

**Wondering what's happening** with the proposed restructuring of the United Church of Canada? It's not so "proposed" anymore, but slowly working its way into reality. The September issue of *The United Church Observer* includes an overview of the new three-court system, entitled "Presbyteries are gone. So now what?" You can find a copy of the September issue at the back of the sanctuary, or online via [www.ucobserver.org](http://www.ucobserver.org)

**New date! Soul of the Community, Building Neighbourhoods of Hope – 3:** A day of 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 NEW date! Saturday, Oct 27, 9 am to 3:30 pm, at Saint Columba House (2365 Grand Trunk, Montreal).

## Community

**Un petit groupe** se réunira à l'Université de Sherbrooke les mardis soirs pour discuter de la sagesse à travers les traditions juives et chrétiennes, rencontres animées par deux étudiantes du Centre d'étude du religieux contemporain de l'U de S. Pour information et inscription, contacter Corentine.Navenec@usherbrooke.ca. Du mardi 9 octobre au mardi 27 novembre, de 19h à 20h30.

**As of September 26**, the main entry hall of the CHUS Fleurimont campus is officially known as the Place Ruth-Elkas-Atto. Our minister was invited to the unveiling ceremony on our behalf.

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