

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

October 14, 2018

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Guest worship leader Kevin Parnell

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

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** **MV 79**

Spirit, open my heart

OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United

* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

MV: More Voices

Prayer of confession and word of assurance

Great Spirit, look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation only the family of man has strayed from the sacred way. We know that we are the ones who are divided, and we are the ones who must come back, together, to walk in a sacred way. We know that by faith we may heal the earth, and heal each other.

Great Father, we know that unless we love and have compassion the healing cannot come. Teach us how to heal our brokenness.

We pray now in silence for the coming of your Spirit.

(adapted from a prayer written by Art Solomon)

Silent prayer

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 509

I, the Lord of sea and sky

***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.

I know your Word is a lamp, O God, to light my path for ever.

Scriptures

Isaiah 6:1-8

(OT 635)

Psalm 91

(VU p 807)

John 15:11-15

(NT 109)

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

Hymn

Tua Palavra / I know your Word

MV 108 (3)**Message**

Pilgrimage stories

Personal reflection***Hymn**

Siyahamba, we are marching

VU 646**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 670**

Precious Lord, take my hand

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 Sunday, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit always be at your back as we pilgrim through life. May those winds push us toward understanding 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.

Welcome to our guest worship leader Kevin Parnell who prepared today's service while our minister is away, on his way back from the GCE (General Council Executive) meeting, in Toronto. In addition to planning today's service, Kevin will share the story of his pilgrimage as a youth commissioner to General Council in 2017!

We also welcome organist Jean-Yves St-Pierre, providing today's musical leadership. Some of you may know him as an occasional fill-in at St. Mark's Chapel on the Bishop's University campus.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Jim Innes

We extend our sympathy to the Oboo family in the death of Eca's stepmother, Suzanna Wachela, who died on October 9 in the RDC (Congo).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Janet McBurney in memory of her parents Ken & Margie who were married Oct. 16, 1948.

Happy birthday to Mylène Gilbert-Dumas on October 20; happy anniversary to Ashley Cooper-Bowen & Tom Coates (Oct. 18).

Our services in French will now be held Sundays at 1 p.m. in the chapel (please enter the building from the rear parking lot).

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

Last chance to get your P-T Worship Team poll in! If filling out the emailed survey, hi-lite each of your answers and fill in any comments, and return the survey to janetjammcb@gmail.com; if you do not sign the electronic copy of the survey, you will be kept anonymous.

Paper copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please complete the survey and place it in the designated box in the back of the sanctuary by TODAY!

If you wish to return it by mail, please send it ASAP to 380 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, J1H 4M7, clearly marked CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY.

Questions? Please contact Janet McBurney at janetjammcb@gmail.com or 819-565-9716.

Today

Service of Covenanting: Members of United Steeples have followed the call to draw the circle wider, finding a way for United Steeples to live on within the life of Lennoxville United Church. Come celebrate our amalgamation at 2 p.m. at Centenary United Church (479 rue Dufferin, Stanstead).

This week

Tuesday, October 16: Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17: Worship Team meets in the parlour at 7:30 p.m. to review the poll results; the regular meeting is scheduled for Oct 24.

Next week

Sunday, Oct. 21, World Food Sunday

Lectionary readings: Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Worship in English at 10:30 a.m.; culte en français à 13 h dans la chapelle (entrer par l'arrière)

Upcoming

The UCW annual Pre-Christmas Buffet and Sale will be held in the church hall on Saturday, November 3 from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Menu will consist of ham, assorted salads, devilled eggs, baked beans and brown bread, rolls and squares. There will also be sales tables of home-baking, jams and pickles.

Everyone welcome. Think green: Please bring a shopping bag for your purchases.

Outreach

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

Community

Book launch: *Potty Gleanings* is a collection of local tales and facts for your bathroom reading pleasure. Come by the Eaton Corner Museum's Foss House (375 Route 253 in Eaton Corner) for the launch and book signing Sunday, October 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Refreshments, laughs and reminiscing will be served.

Historical Abenakis Land-Use in the Eastern Townships: The Eastern Townships Resource Centre invites you to the 20th Annual Robin Burns Lecture (free) on Wednesday, October 17, at 7 p.m., in the Cleghorn Common Room (McGreer building) at Bishop's University. For this “anniversary”, the Centre has invited Dr. Claude Gélinas from the Université de Sherbrooke.

A Musical Afternoon: The Eaton Corner Museum is pleased to present *A Musical Afternoon* at the Foss House on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m. Starting off will be David Gillies and Janice LaDuke playing jazz standards as well as their own compositions. After intermission, Benoit Héguy, Jude Cloutier and David Gillies will play songs by Georges Brassens, Harmonium, and Félix Leclerc. Entry is \$10 (to benefit the museum, 375 Route 253, Eaton Corner). Space is limited so please reserve your seat at 819-563-8700.

Annual used book sale: The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship committee holds its annual used book sale at the Lennoxville United Church Hall (corner of Church and Queen streets) from Thursday, October 18 (4 p.m. to 8 p.m.), Friday, October 19 (11 a.m. to 8 p.m.), & Saturday, October 20 (9 a.m. to noon, with \$5 bags from noon to 1).

(Drop off donations Oct. 16, noon – 6 p.m., Oct. 17, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., or Oct 19, 9 a.m. – noon).

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