

# Plymouth-Trinity United Church

## Order of Worship

October 21, 2018

World Food Sunday, 22nd 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

One: Greet this morning with joy!

**All: A new week with all its opportunities lies before us.**

One: Greet this morning with thanksgiving!

**All: This is a time for praise and prayer,  
a time to remember God's creative generosity.**

One: Greet this morning with care!

**All: We are aware of our responsibility as people of God.**

One: Greet this morning with Christ!

**All: On the first day of another new week,  
we celebrate Christ's victory over death.**

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OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United

\* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

MV: More Voices

**\*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!

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**

**VU 235**

O worship the King

**Prayer of confession and word of assurance**

One: There is a cost to our discipleship and this we acknowledge  
before you, O God.

**All: There are times when we cannot reconcile the needs of  
our family with our life of faith.**

One: There is a cost to our discipleship and we lay it before you,  
O God.

**All: There are times when the way we are called to work  
conflicts with the ethical Christian way.**

One: There is a cost to our discipleship and we bring it to you, O  
God.

**All: There are times when our commitment to the  
community of faith takes second place to our own needs  
and desires.**

One: There is a cost to our discipleship and we confess it to you,  
O God.

**All: There are times when the broad vision of Christian  
concern and action gets lost among trivial local issues.**

One: Jesus asked, "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or  
be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

**All: Silently, we will think carefully and prayerfully about  
our response.**

**(Time of reflection)**

**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.

**Assurance of Grace**

**One:** The willingness of Jesus to face the cost of faithfulness, and to go to the cross, stops us in our tracks.  
It causes us to rethink our life's journey.

**All:** **The change in perspective affects every area of our life; it colours our choices and decisions.**

**One:** It is tough to disturb relationships, stressful to make a change in direction, but doing so will bring you God's all-embracing peace.

**All:** **In God's strength we are ready.**

**One:** God is and will remain our companion.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Children's time**

**\*Hymn**

**VU 468**

Let us talents and tongues employ

**\*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**

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

**(OT 484)**

Psalm 104, part 1

**(VU p 826)**

Mark 10:35-45

**(NT 47)**

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

## **Response**

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## **Message**

Starving in the midst of plenty

## **Personal reflection**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 601**

The Church of Christ in every age

(sung to the tune of VU 292)

## **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 510**

We have this ministry

## **\*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**

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# Announcements

**Welcome to all** who are worshipping with us today. On this World Food 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:** Ann Fowlis

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

**Sexton:** Robert Stratton

**Happy birthday** to Tim Jehiel Nenkam (on Oct. 25) and Isla Coates (Oct. 26).

**Bulletin covers:** Inge Lunkenbein (819-346-7750) is collecting donations for the 2019 bulletin covers: \$10 a Sunday in memory of a loved one. Several people can be sponsors on the same Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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

**Thanks to Kevin Parnell**, last Sunday's guest worship leader!

**Have you checked out** our website recently? Come visit [PlymouthTrinityChurch.org](http://PlymouthTrinityChurch.org) (in English and French).

**Lost & found:** Have you misplaced a hat or somesuch in the church? A Lost & Found box can now be... found... in the church hall, right next to the elevator.

### This week

**Wednesday, October 24:** Worship Team meets in the parlour at 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, October 25:** Samuel co-leads services at St. Francis Manor (at 10:30 a.m.) and at Grace Village (in the library at 1 p.m.). Get in touch with him if you are interested!

### Next week

**Sunday, Oct. 28, Peace Sunday, Reformation Sunday**

**Lectionary readings:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

A single bilingual service at 10:30 a.m., *with* Sunday school (but *no* Communion), followed by a Mission & Service luncheon, our monthly celebration of birthdays and anniversaries.

**Retirement celebration:** Samuel will be the guest preacher at a celebration for retiring St. Marc's pastor, the Rev. Ed Barbezat, on Saturday, October 27, in Ottawa.

### Upcoming

**The next Messy Church** is at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 2 at Lennoxville United (corner of Queen and Church streets).

There will be stories, creating and a meal. The topic is *Who is Ruth of Moab?* Learn about heroes in the Bible!

**The next Youth Forum** is scheduled for November 9-11, in Pointe-Claire. Speak to Shanna Bernier for more info!



## United Church of Canada

**Chew on the Hill:** On Wednesday, October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, United Church Moderator Richard Bott was on Parliament Hill with apples and a message for the Prime Minister: We need a stronger, fully funded strategy to end poverty in Canada.

Also last week, the amendments to The United Church of Canada Act approved by the 43rd General Council were scheduled to be tabled by Senator Peter Harder. This legislation starts in the Senate (introduction, first reading, second reading, committee, vote) and will move to the House where it will be introduced by Rev. Rob Oliphant. It amends The United Church of Canada Act (1924) to reflect the restructuring changes agreed to by the church over the past three years and enacted by General Council in July.

**United Church Women in Quebec** are invited to a day-long Advent event on Wednesday, November 28, “Our Role in the future?”, held at Southwest United Church in Verdun. \$10 preregistration (before Nov. 17), or \$12 after, covers lunch and handouts, includes carol singing, fellowship, a special Christmas litany and agape meal. Register with Valerie Nickson, 514-268-0228 or [vepps\\_nickson@hotmail.com](mailto:vepps_nickson@hotmail.com). See the poster in the church hall for more details.

The **new Gifts with Vision** catalogue is here!

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 beekeepers, gifts for reconciliation, and more at [giftswithvision.ca](http://giftswithvision.ca). You will also find paper copies of the new catalogue at the back of the sanctuary and opposite the coffee table. \$25 helps train an organic farmer on the Philippine island of Palawan.

## Outreach

**Moisson Estrie:** 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

**Wildlife & woodlore: Tracking animals:** How often do you see tracks in the snow under your bird feeder and wonder what animal invaded your garden the night before? Was it the “Hatley cougar”, the neighbour’s cat or a raccoon? Naturalist Jim Ferrier will describe how to interpret animal tracks at the next St. Francis Valley Naturalists’ Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, Centre Communautaire Amédée Beaudoin, 10 rue Samuel Gratham (Lennoxville).

**Community Flu Clinic:** Grace Village (at 1515 Pleasant View Street, Sherbrooke) hosts a flu vaccine day, on Friday, November 9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Parking located in the front and back of the Care Pavilion. All are welcome! RAMQ cards are required for immunization. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 819-569-0546 or email [info@masscom.ca](mailto:info@masscom.ca) .

**Mental Health Estrie:** The organization launches a series of (free!) community outreach events, beginning on November 15, at 7 p.m., at the Community Learning Centre in the Richmond High School. Discover what services are available in our region, and how to access them. Other events are to come.