

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Plymouth-Trinity United Church
Order of Worship
Sunday, September 22, 2019

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples. At Plymouth-Trinity, we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land through the ages.

***Call to worship**

One: This is the Creator's world.

All: And we are the Creator's people.

One: An important part, but not the only part of all that is.

All: We are called to be blessing, to be caretakers, to be overseers, to have 'dominion' on God's behalf.

One: For what will we use that responsibility? To create? To destroy?

All: We will use all our abilities to worship God and to live out the call we have been given to care for creation in love and respect, now and always.

One: May it be so.

All: May it be so as we come to worship.

* les personnes qui le peuvent sont priées de se lever

OT: Old Testament AT: Ancien Testament NT: New / Nouveau Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

*Gathering Song

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

We pause at this moment to sense your presence, Gracious God. Your presence can be seen in the rustling wind or in the warming rays of the shortening sun. Your presence can be felt in the gathering of your people here and around the world. Wherever we are, we know that you are there with us, O God. May we continue to experience you as a source of goodness in our lives, this day and always. Amen

*Opening hymn

VU 312

Praise with joy the world's Creator

Children's time

L'heure des enfants

Response

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

(The children leave for children's church after the response)

Prayer of Illumination

*Hymn

verse 1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart

v 2 Plus aimant, je voudrais être dedans mon cœur

v 3 Plus fidèle, je voudrais être dedans mon cœur

v 4 Tel Jésus, je voudrais être dedans mon coeur

Scriptures

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

(OT 709)

Psalm 79

(VU p 793)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

(NT 208)

Anthem

Gracious Spirit come to us

(K. Lee Scott, b 1950)

Luke 16:1-13

(NT 79)

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

Message

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 307

Touch the earth lightly

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

Response

MV 85

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Oh! Prends moi tel que je suis; Fais-moi vivre que pour toi.
Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur; viens vivre en moi.

Offeratory Prayer

Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** (Eng 1, 2, 3; fr. 4, 5, 6)

MV 176

Three things I promise

Ce que je promets

***Benediction**

***Response**

Amen

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping here today. On this third Sunday of Creation Time, let us be open to what Spirit is telling us about our responsibility as stewards in God's Creation.

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 extend a special welcome this Sunday to Regional Council Lay Worship Leader Virginia Wallace, who leads our service today. She has lived in Granby since 1995, but is originally from Toronto, has two daughters, teaches English as a Second Language and works with children in elementary school to improve their verbal and reading skills.

Samuel is in Montreal, attending *Le défi de l'interculturalité dans nos ministères: De Babel à la Pentecôte* as a cultural mentor.

We thank our volunteers

Reader: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Our bulletin covers today are sponsored by Bev & Rick Lepine in memory of Bev's father, Ken Broadbelt.

Happy birthday to Theresa Wilkie (Sept. 22), Marilyn Bryant (Sept. 25), Michael Fowlis (Sept. 27) and Thelma Philbrick & Kallen Coates (Sept. 28); bon anniversaire à Carno Tchuani et Nathan Ralph Tekemetieu Ayimdjé (le 28 septembre).

Climate Strike/March on Friday, Sept. 27: Shanna Bernier invites everyone interested in this event to stay after worship today, or return after you've had lunch (around 1 p.m.) to make a plan and prepare protest signs. Bring snacks to share and craft supplies.

You can find more on The United Church of Canada and the Climate Strike on the P-T website, under *News*.

Children's church volunteers: We need at least one person every Sunday to help with children's church. Please sign up to help; the sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nous avons besoin de vous! Les responsables du culte des enfants du dimanche cherchent au moins un ou une bénévole chaque dimanche pour aider avec les enfants... SVP inscrivez-vous; la feuille d'inscription est sur la table à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

2020 church calendars: this year in order to reduce waste (and expense), the UCW is taking orders for the church calendars – please place your order with Janet at janetjammcb@gmail.com or 819-578-3609 by September 29th.

This week

Thursday, September 26: Services at 10:30 a.m. at St. Francis Manor (125 Queen St. in Lennoxville), and at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Village (1515 Pleasant View).

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, September 29, fourth Sunday of Creation Time

Lectionary readings:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Worship at 10:30 a.m., with children's church; stay after the service for our monthly (by donation) Mission & Service luncheon and birthday celebrations.

Upcoming

The P-T community of faith is anticipating the joy of receiving new members on October 6, World Communion Sunday.

Nous aurons la joie de recevoir de nouveaux membres le 6 octobre, qui est le Dimanche de la communion mondiale.

Youth Forum: November 1 to 3 at Union United Church in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Forum de la jeunesse : 1er au 3 novembre, à l'Église Union United à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Rendez-vous brings together youth (entering grade 9 and up to any age), young adults, and their leaders from across the country for a celebration of vibrant music, inspiring speakers, and dancing like there is no tomorrow. The next *Rendez-Vous* will be held from August 11 to 14, 2020 (next year!), at the University of Calgary.

You'll find more details on the P-T website, in the *News* section, headlined *What's up for young people in the region?*

United Church of Canada

Your vote, our future: The federal election is October 21, and The United Church of Canada is calling on people of faith "to live out the responsibilities of citizenship and of discipleship!" Get involved in faithful civic engagement for a community of hope: Ask your election candidates informed questions; Explore the connection between faith and democratic involvement; Vote!

Find out more about what faith has to do with politics in the *News* section of the P-T website, at PlymouthTrinityChurch.org.

Call for photos: The UCC is searching for photographs for 2021 bulletin covers, and for the 2021 calendar. The deadline for bulletin pix is Oct. 30, 2019; deadline for the calendar is Dec.

30, 2019. Go to www.united-church.ca and search for “submit photos” to find all the details.

Outreach

Moisson Estrie: The local food bank reminds us that hunger doesn't take a holiday; la faim ne prend pas de vacances. They're especially asking for donations of flour, sugar, pasta, as well as diapers and household products such as soap and washing detergent. And of course cash is always welcome!

Community

St Francis Valley Naturalists Club, 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25 at the Centre Communautaire Amédée Beaudoin (10 rue Samuel Gratham, Lennoxville). **Invasive alien species** have many impacts on the environment, the economy and health. The Eastern Townships are no exception. Biologist Geneviève Pomerleau will discuss prevention strategies.

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