

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 12, 2017 – Sixth after Epiphany

---

**Prelude**



**Welcome and greetings**

**\* Introit**      **Through many days of darkness**      VU 274 vs. 3

Through many days of darkness, through many scenes of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely to guard your people's life.  
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored,  
was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.

**\* Call to worship / Opening prayer**

The chatter of many voices surrounds us;

**images of the good life lure us from every side.**

**There are so many choices.**

So let us be clear, let us be focused —

**in many ways, God speaks but the message is always the same: love, peace, justice.**

Those are the gifts of God.

**We await those blessings as we come to worship God.**

*Written by: Rod Sykes.*

*Gathering, ACE 2016-2017, page 29. Used with permission.*

Gracious God, sometimes we want to think of you as being stationary, solid, and stable so we don't have to change our ways or our thoughts. It is easy. But you are everywhere, even before we think of being there. You are always on the move.

We know that you are here this morning and we trust that you will be wherever we go this afternoon and tomorrow. So as we pause now to reflect on our lives, open our hearts and quiet our minds; be with us, encouraging and strengthening us so that we can move forward as your people. **Amen.**

*Written by: Catherine Tovell.*

*Gathering, ACE 2016-2017, page 30. Used with permission.*

**\* Hymn**      **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**      **VU 220**

**Family time**

---

OT: Old Testament    NT: New Testament    VU: Voices United    MV: More Voices

\* the congregation standing, as able

## Prayer of confession

You set before us choices, O God, life and death, justice and fear.  
May this time of worship be full of meaning and of light.  
May we keep company with each other, and with you.  
When we waver, or make poor choices, forgive us.  
When we live as if our choices didn't matter, guide us into  
right paths again.  
When we ignore your truth, turn away from your light,  
remind of us our baptism and our call to live in love.

*Written by: Robin Wardlaw.  
Gathering, ACE 2016-2017, page 34. Used with permission.*

<b>Response</b>	<b>Lord, listen to your children praying</b>	<b>VU 400</b>
-----------------	--	---------------

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!

*Dieu, tes enfants te prient. Écoute, Dieu, remplis-nous de ton Esprit.  
Dieu, tes enfants te prient. Écoute, toi l'amour, toi la grâce et la vie.*

## Affirmation of grace

### \* Affirmation of faith

<b>* Hymn</b>	<b>O Master, let me walk with thee</b>	<b>VU 560</b>
---------------	--	---------------

## Prayer of illumination

Open our hearts and minds this day so that these old stories  
may be new and fresh within us.

Open our hearts so that these stories about other people  
may become stories about us here at Plymouth-Trinity,  
Sherbrooke, Quebec, in 2017. Amen!

*Written by: Beth W. Johnston.  
Gathering, ACE 2016-2017, page 36. Used with permission.*

<b>Readings</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</b>	<b>OT 186</b>
-----------------	-----------------------------	---------------

<b>Psalm 119 (part one)</b>		<b>VU 838</b>
-----------------------------	--	---------------

Matthew 5:21-37	<b>NT 5</b>
-----------------	-------------

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

<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Compagnonnage in compassion 301</b>
---------------	--

## Personal reflection

**\* Hymn**                      **Though I may speak**                      **VU 372**

Minute for mission

Offering

**\* Offertory / Prayer of dedication** *VU 385 vs. 4 (Eng.) – VU 386 vs. 4 (Fr.)*

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame;  
let our whole life an offering be to our Redeemer's name.

*Inspire-nous, quand nous prions, pour prier comme il faut;  
inspire-nous, quand nous parlons, un amour sans défaut.*

## Announcements & sharing in the life of the Community

### Prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer

**\* Hymn**                      **In Christ there is no east or west**                      **VU 606**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Response**    **May the grace of Christ our Saviour**                      **VU 419**

May the grace of Christ our Saviour and our Maker's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favour, rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union held together by the Word,  
and possess in rich communion joys which earth cannot afford.

**Postlude**                      **Love Divine** (*R. V. Williams*)

### **Plymouth-Trinity United Church**

380 Dufferin Ave. Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 4M7

[www.plymouthtrinitychurch.org](http://www.plymouthtrinitychurch.org)

[www.facebook.com/plymtrin](https://www.facebook.com/plymtrin)

**Ministers:** All of us

**Clergy:** the Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho - 873 200-2011

**Organist and Music Director:** Leslie Young

**Caretaker:** Christopher Bryant

**Board Chair:** Ann Fowlis – [fowlis@sympatico.ca](mailto:fowlis@sympatico.ca)

**Webmaster:** Michael Eby – [eby@trainiax.net](mailto:eby@trainiax.net)

**Secretary:** Daniel Laplante – 819 346-6373

[plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com)

**Office:** Winter schedule (to April 30):

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8-11 AM**

# News and announcements

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today. In this season after Epiphany, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit blow on us and stay with us all year long!

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

**If you are a visitor**, please join us for fair-trade coffee or juice after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

**We thank our volunteers:**

**Reader:** Janet McBurney

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

**Sexton:** Carol Smith

**Happy birthday** to Ruby Robinson (February 18).

**Happy anniversary** to Xiang Peng Liao & Xiao Hong Hu (February 14).

**Bulletin covers this week** are donated by the Elkas family in memory of Ruth Elkas Atto.

Please take a look at the **lost and found objects box** at the back of the sanctuary: an item might belong to you! This week, the remaining items will be given to a charity.

**Free legal clinic:** Townshippers' Association welcomes a new legal student to manage its free legal information clinic. Zoë Fortin, 3<sup>rd</sup> year law student at U.de Sherbrooke, will be in the Townshippers' Lennoxville office every Tuesday from 9 AM – 3 PM until the end of March. You can reach her by phone at 819 566-2182 or by e-mail at [legalinfo@townshippers.org](mailto:legalinfo@townshippers.org).

**Observer renewals:** To subscribers to *The United Church Observer*: it's renewal time again! Cost still only \$25. Please send your cheque, marked "Observer" to Plymouth-Trinity (380 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, QC J1H 4M7) or put it on the collection plate or give a cheque or cash to Lois Deagle. If you're not planning to renew, please tell Lois.

To non-subscribers: The Education and Outreach Team encourages you to consult a copy of this excellent magazine found on the small tables at the back of the sanctuary.

## This week

UCW will meet on Tuesday, February 14 at 7 PM.

**Pastoral Care team** will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 2 PM.

**World prayer day** planning meeting on Friday, February 17 at 9 AM.

## Next week

**Sunday, February 19** – Seventh after Epiphany

**Lectionary readings:**

Leviticus 19:1-18

Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Matthew 5:38-48

**Bilingual service** at 10:30 AM.

**A birthday/anniversary luncheon** with donations for Mission and Service will follow the service prior to the Annual congregation meeting.

**Annual Congregation Meeting:** please stay and participate in this important moment of our community of faith. If you can, read the Annual Report prior to the meeting.

**The Board of Trustees** announces there will be a vote at the Annual Congregational Meeting requesting the removal of Ruth Atto's name from the Board of Trustees due to her recent passing. Ruth served faithfully on the Board for many years and we continue to be thankful to God for her life and her works.

## Advance notice

**World Day of Prayer:** This year's ecumenical celebration will take place here at Plymouth-Trinity on Friday, March 3 beginning with a light snack at 5 PM; service around 6.

## Outreach

**Mitten tree:** Our mitten tree will be ready to receive any fruit for HUGS you can provide, until Palm Sunday.

**Moisson Estrie:** *We don't give charity; we make a difference.* The local food bank tells us that every \$1 donation provides \$12 of food. Three years ago Moisson Estrie distributed 450,000 kg of food through 18 different organisations; last year the amount was 800,000 kg, worth \$4.4 million, through 32 organisations!

The food bank thanks Plymouth-Trinity for making a difference and reminds us cash is as appreciated as food.

