

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 12 2017 – Second in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

* Introit	I have called you by your name, you are mine
<i>MV 161</i>	I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine. <i>Je t'ap-pren-drai mon nom à cha-que pas. Lis-le en tous ceux que tu ren-con-tre-ras. En ver-sant l'eau en mon nom, pro-cla-me la com-mu-nion; et de Jé-sus, qui s'est don-né, suis les pas.</i>

Call to worship

For God so loved the world... **that God created it, and us!**
For God so loved the world... that God gave us Jesus, the Christ.
For God so loved the world... that God does not condemn,
but heals; does not destroy, but saves.
For God so loved the world... **for God so LOVES the world.**
Now and always.
Let us worship our God, who loves us, and loves all!

Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, B.C. (richardbott.com)
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Opening prayer

* Hymn	As a fire is meant for burning	VU 578
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Children's time

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

* Response	Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. <i>Souffle du Dieu vivant, viens purifier ma foi; que ce soit ton vouloir puissant qui s'accomplisse en moi.</i>
<i>VU 382</i>	

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

* the congregation standing, as able

*** Affirmation of faith**

*** Hymn** My faith looks up to thee **VU 663**

Prayer for illumination

Readings Genesis 12:1-4a **OT 10**
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 **NT 154**
John 3:1-17 **NT 93**

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

Sermon Leave! ... Abram just left, he was 75 years old

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** We are pilgrims **VU 595**

Minute for mission

Offering

*** Offertory / Prayer of dedication**

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.

Announcements & sharing in the life of the Community

Prayer of the people & the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** Bless now, O God, the journey **VU 633**

*** Benediction**

*** Response** *Tu au-ras be-soin de moi en che-min.*
MV 161 *En tous lieux, sens ma pré-sence et mon sou-tien.*
Com-me cet-te femme en pleurs qui a sur-mon-té ses peurs,
touche et laisse aller Jé-sus sur son chemin.
I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Postlude

News

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. In this Season of Lent, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit blow on us all along our journey with Jesus to the Cross and beyond.

***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 water or juice after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Carol Imbeault

Happy birthday to Pierre Weber (today), Eca Naleula (March 13) and Franck Loïc Nenkam Tchomgwi (March 18).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Brenda and Carol Imbeault in memory of the Humphries and Claydon families.

The UCW would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Shamrock Tea!

The Canadian Cancer Society is once again having its annual daffodil campaign. A bouquet of ten daffodils can be purchased for \$10. If you would like to order flowers, please speak to Pam or Jack Eby before March 21. The flowers will be available at the church for pickup on April 2.

This week

UCW will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

Worship Team will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

500th anniversary of the Reformation: Saturday, March 18, 9:30 AM – 3 PM. Journée spéciale sur la Réforme at Communauté chrétienne La Promesse, 715, Des Ormeaux, off Galt in the East ward (www.cclapromesse.org). This event will include the screening of the film *Luther* at 10 AM and lunch. No charge; all welcome.

Next week

Sunday, March 19 – Third in Lent

Lectionary readings:

Exodus 17:1-7 – Psalm 95 – Romans 5:1-11 – John 4:5-42

Le Service en français se tient à 9 h dans la chapelle; veuillez entrer par la porte donnant sur l'aire de stationnement.

English service at 10:30 AM.

Church Board will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 PM in the parlour.

Messy Church: a family centered faith activity: Join us as we explore the ancient story of God's Promise to Noah. What does it mean to be a part of God's promise? How are we called to participate in God's promise for the whole world? Friday, March 17, doors open at 5 PM and the program will begin at 5:30 PM. Dinner is included in the evening's activities. We will take up an offering during our time of celebration.

Advance notices

Conversations with Muslims: After the tragic events in Quebec City, there was an outpouring of compassion towards the Muslim community. We want to go beyond compassion and promote dialogue. We wish for everyone to know the Muslim next door as a human being, who lives a very similar life to their own. Come join the conversation on Wednesday March 29 at 1:30-4 PM at Lennoxville United Church.

Young-er Adult Conversation on Wisdom: You are invited to join us at Lennoxville United Church for an evening of conversation on the theme "Wisdom." Bring along with you a song or a poem that speaks to you of 'Wisdom,' and we will take turns sharing what we have brought. It can be a song that speaks to you of 'Wisdom' or contains something that you see as 'Wisdom'. This event is for young-er adults; cegep-ish to 30-ish. We are meeting at Lennoxville United Church on Wednesday March 29 at 7 PM.

Outreach

Lenten share calendar: If you don't have a copy of the 2017 Lenten share calendar, please pick one up before you leave. This year – in partnership with Lennoxville United – we're focussing on mental illness and raising money for Mental Health Estrie.

For example: “**Tuesday, March 14:** Those who are fortunate enough to have a family doctor should give 75¢.”

Lenten booklet, *The sanctuary for Lent 2017*: Copies of this Lenten booklet for daily devotions are available at the back and front of our sanctuary. Please take one, and if you can, leave a toonie (\$2) to cover the cost.

Mitten tree: Our mitten tree is still ready to receive fruit for HUGS (hats, underwear, gloves/mittens, socks/scarves for the homeless) – until Palm Sunday. HUGS is a project of Mental Health Estrie, the organisation to which we will be giving our Lenten donation.

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. Our treasurers will credit all donations clearly marked “Moisson Estrie”.

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