

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19 2017 – Third 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 & Opening prayer

Woman at the well, woman at the deep, pulling up your water,
searching to quench your thirst.

I am that woman.

Woman at the well, woman changed by life, surprised by the
voice of the One, the stranger who knows you well.

I am that woman.

Woman at the well, woman called by Christ, drink deep of the
Living Water, share it with your world!

I am that woman. Open to the possibility, open to the hope that my meeting God would change the world!

Diving deep into the Spirit, speaking frankly with the Christ,
offered new life by the Creator—

We worship God.

Let us pray:

Living Water...	Come and fill us!
Endless Light...	Brighten our days!
Holy Song...	Sing in our hearts!
Loving God...	Teach us your ways!

Bless us in our time together.

Help us to listen. Help us to teach. Help us to love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

* the congregation standing, as able

*** Hymn Rock of ages**

Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide, myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labours of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for grace; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Saviour, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar through tracts unknown,
see thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Children's time

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

*** Response** Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
VU 382 that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

*Souffle du Dieu vivant, viens purifier ma foi;
que ce soit ton vouloir puissant
qui s'accomplisse en moi.*

*** Affirmation of faith**

*** Hymn The king of love VU 273**

Prayer for illumination

God of the ages, you send refreshing water to quench the thirst
of your people. Open us to the words of the scripture this day
so that they may refresh us on our journey of faith. Allow these
words to meet the dry places in our lives and sustain us as God's
people in this place. Amen.

Beth W. Johnston, Hantsport P.C., Hantsport, N.S.
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Readings Exodus 17:1-7 **OT 64**

John 4:5-42 **NT 94**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Conversations around the well

Personal reflection

* Hymn Will you come and follow me VU 567

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 God of grace and God of glory VU 686

* 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.

This week, we pray in particular for those with broken lives and broken relationships.

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: Pam Eby (and family)

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Carol Imbeault

Belated happy birthday to Freeman Clowery (March 15).

Happy birthday to Sophie Bourgault (March 20), Ben Albright & Andrew Brown (March 21), Joyce Hebert (March 22) and Isoline Zanga (March 23).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Ruby and Stuart Robinson in memory of Ruby's parents, Jessie and Harry McLeod.

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

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.

This week

Defibrillator demonstration: On Tuesday, March 21 at 6:45 p.m., prior to the meeting of the Church Board, there will be a 30-60 minute demonstration of the cardiac defibrillator we have just purchased with money donated to the In Memoriam Fund in memory of Ruth Atto.

During this session we will be shown how to use this life-saving tool and we will choose where it will be placed in the building.

The demonstration is open to all and Board members are especially encouraged to attend.

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

March 22, 7 p.m. – second coming of Vicky Boldo: After the meaningful gathering of Ash Wednesday, Vicky has been invited to return and keep the conversation going. This time she will take us deeper with the blankets exercise. What follows is Vicky's description of the blankets exercise. This one-hour participatory workshop will help participants understand how colonization of the land we now know as Canada has impacted the people who lived here long before settlers arrived. Through this exercise, participants will explore the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada, how this relationship has been damaged over the years, and how they can work toward reconciliation.

These blankets represent the land in northern part of Turtle Island, or what we now know as Canada, before the arrival of Europeans.

Reach-out lunch on Thursday, March 23. Speak with Lois or Val if you need a lift.

Next week

Sunday, March 26 – Fourth in Lent

Lectionary readings:

1 Samuel 16:1-13 – Psalm 23 – Ephesians 5:8-14 – John 9:1-41

Bilingual service at 10:30 a.m, including **Children's ministry**, a fun and educational programme for children aged 3-12. The theme will be emotions and mental health.

We will be sharing in Holy Communion. Please let the minister know if somebody needs to receive Communion at home or hospital.

The wooden **Benevolent Fund box** will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each time we share in Holy Communion we have the opportunity to donate to this fund, which is used to purchase food vouchers for the minister to distribute to people in need, including our own members.

All are welcome to our **Mission and Service Birthday/Anniversary** luncheon after the service. Join us for a hot meal followed by dessert. With your free-will offering, we increase our M&S donations and our love spreads around the world!

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.

The conversation previously scheduled for Wednesday March 29 has been postponed for a better preparation.

English Second Language lessons on Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. in the parlour, if sufficient numbers. Please inform your instructor if you cannot attend.

Worship Team will meet on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.

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 a song or a poem that speaks to you of 'Wisdom', and we will take turns sharing what we have brought. This event is for young-er adults; cegep-ish to 30-ish: Lennoxville United on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

Pastoral Care team will meet on Thursday, March 30 at 2 p.m.

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: **Friday, March 24:** If you have never suffered from a major depression or severe anxiety, give \$1 with thanks.

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!

In February, we collected 27 kg of food.

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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