

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7, 2017 – Fourth of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Call to worship

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 acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| * Introit <i>MV 57</i> | I'll praise eternal God with all my heart, and I will recount your marvellous works and glorify your name. I'll praise eternal God with all my heart. I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy. Alleluia! |
|----------------------------------|--|

* Opening prayer

| | | |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| * Hymn | The church is wherever God's people | VU 579 |
|---------------|--|---------------|

Children's time

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| * Hymn | Jesus loves me | VU 365 |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| * Response <i>MV 96</i> | And when you call for me, I have already answered And when you call for me, I am already there. |
|-----------------------------------|--|

* Affirmation of faith

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

* the congregation standing, as able

* Hymn Spirit of the living God VU 376

Prayer for illumination

Readings Acts 2:42-47 NT 120

Psalm The Lord's my shepherd VU 747

1 Peter 2:19-25 NT 233

John 10:1-10 NT 90

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Personal reflection

* Hymn There's a wideness in God's mercy VU 271

Minute for mission

Offering

| | |
|-------------|---|
| * Offertory | Re-a-mo le-bo-ga, (×3) mo-di-mo wa ro-na. MV 187 |
| | We give our thanks to God (×4) |
| | We give our hands to you (3x) because you reached for us |
| | We give our eyes to you (3x) because you looked for us. |
| | We give our feet to you (3x) because you walk with us |
| | We give our hearts to you (3x) because you first loved us |

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

*each time you hear: Jesus said, "I came so you might have life",
please respond with: **life to the fullest measure!***

* Hymn Be thou my vision VU 642

* Benediction

* Chorale response: Halle, halle, halle NVU 958

Postlude

News

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. In this Easter season, as with the disciples, all our doubts and fears are gradually threatened by the life-giving power of the resurrected Christ, Jesus. Hallelujah!

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

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Andrew Brown

Ushers: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sexton: Andrew Brown

Thanks to Allan Marshall for preparing our worship service this week and to Janet McBurney for leading it.

Happy birthday to Loïc Razakalalao (May 9), Paul Cloutier-Young (May 10), Nadia Andriamahefa (May 11), Sean Marshall (May 12) and Laura Cloutier-Young (May 13).

Happy anniversary to June & Everett Boynton (May 11).

Bike path: While we are not permitted to park across the bike path at any time during the year, we should be especially careful to keep it clear during the official biking season, May 1 – November 1.

From our former minister, Rev. Jane Aikman: “John is stable following his stroke earlier this week, the scan was okay.” We send prayers for a speedy recovery.

Samuel's vacation: our minister will be away until June 2. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Linda Buchanan at revlindabuchanan@gmail.com or 514 691-7529 except May 8-14, when the contact person will be the Rev. Martyn Sadler at martynsadler72@gmail.com or 819 342-8699. A big thank you to both of them!

This week

The UCW will be holding our annual Spring Pot-Luck Supper on Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. followed by our meeting. All women of the congregation are most welcome!

Reachout lunch on Thursday, May 11 at 11:30. Speak with Lois or Val if you need a lift.

Next week

Sunday, May 14 – Christian Family Sunday and Mother’s Day

Lectionary readings

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Worship will be led by Kristi Roht and the Rev. Martyn Sadler.

There will be **bilingual Sunday school** during the service, a fun and educational programme for children aged 3-12.

We will be sharing in **Holy Communion**.

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.

Outreach

Lenten share calendar: Thanks to many contributors, including former minister, the Rev. Jane Aikman, our donation to Mental Health Estrie is already over \$900! The treasurers are happy to receive further donations.

Moisson Estrie: 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”.

We thank Jim Innes for volunteering to be the interim deliverer of our donations.

In April, we gave 15 kg of food.

Presbytery summer camp, June 25 – July 1, 2017, Frontier Lodge, Lake Wallace, with the theme *Catching the Spirit*. The camp is for campers aged 8-17 and counsellors 16 and over. Cost is \$360; financial assistance is available. Any parent, or child, interested should speak to a member of Education and Outreach: Denis, Inge, Lois, Shanna, Val or Vivienne.
<https://sites.google.com/site/qspcamp/>

In the community

Relay for Life: Janet McBurney will be participating her 14th Relay For Life to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society on June 16. This is our chance to help create a world where no one fears cancer - and have a great time doing it! Tax receipts are available upon request for donations of \$10 or more. Luminaires (candles) are available for \$5 and are personalized in honour of those battling cancer or in memory of those who lost the fight. For more information, please contact Janet by June 4 at 819-565-9716 after 6 p.m. or j.mcburney@sympatico.ca.

The BU/CRC Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding their annual Garage Sale on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bishop's University W.B. Scott arena. Donations in good condition will be gratefully accepted until May 10, and can be dropped off at the old arena lobby from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please note we cannot accept tires, mattresses, TVs and very old computer monitors. For further information please contact Heather Thomson at 819 8229600 ext. 2718 or hthomson@ubishops.ca.

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

380 Dufferin Ave. Sherbrooke, QC, J1H 4M7

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

www.facebook.com/plymtrin

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Ministers: | All of us |
| Clergy: | the Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho 873 200-2011 svdansokho.ptucc@gmail.com |
| Organist: | Leslie Young |
| Caretaker: | Christopher Bryant |
| Board Chair: | Jack Eby – jeby@ubishops.ca |
| Secretary: | Daniel Laplante – 819 346-6373 plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com |
| Office: | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8-11 AM |

