

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Organ prelude

Welcome and greetings

\* Introit                      Let us build a house – vs. 5                      MV 1

\* Call to worship

**Come with your questions, come with your awe!**

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

**Come with your energy, come with your weariness!**

For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us  
in this place.

**Come with your sadness, come with your joy!**

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

*Katherine Hawker, 2006.*

**Acknowledging the Land**

For thousands of years, First Nations people 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.

\* Opening prayer

Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might, so here we are, as we come before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. AMEN

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

\* the congregation standing, as able    NVU : Nos voix unies

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**\* Hymn** Draw the circle wide **MV 145**

### Children's time

**\* Hymn** Jesus loves me – vs. 1 **VU 365**

### Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

Loving God, in Jesus you offer life to the world and love to its people. When we see life only for ourselves, forgive us. Help us to hear transforming love speaking to us of respect, dignity and worth, telling us we are loved and are to love one another in the knowledge of this love. Work through us to bring your justice to the world, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Know that the God who hears our prayers is there to forgive us. Amen.

**\* Response** Breathe on me – vs. 1 EN, vs. 2 FR **VU 382**

### \* Affirmation of faith

**\* Hymn** God of the sparrow **VU 229**

### Prayer for illumination

**1<sup>st</sup> reading** Acts 17:22-31 **NT 137**

**Psalm 66** (part one) **VU 784**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading** 1 Peter 2:13-22 **NT 233**

**Gospel** John 14:15-21 **NT 109**

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

**Anthem** Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep (*by Philip Ledger*)

**Sermon**

**Personal reflection** *in silence*

**\* Hymn** Though ancient walls VU 691

**Minute for mission**

**Offering**

**\* Offertory & Prayer of dedication** MV 187

**Announcements and sharing in the life of the community**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer**

**\* Hymn** Make me a channel of your peace VU 684

**Benediction**

**\* Response** Halle, Halle, Halle VU 958

**Postlude** Tuba Tune (C. S. Lang)

# 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:** Denis Ashby

**Ushers:** Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

**Sexton:** Dave Fowlis

**Thanks to** Presbytery Lay worship leader Shirley Knutson for leading our worship service today.

**Happy birthday** to Mike Gosselin (May 27).

**Bulletin covers this week** are donated by Inge Lunkenbein in memory of Bob Steele.

**Our sympathy** to the family and friends of Andy Swan, long-time member of Plymouth-Trinity, who died peacefully at home in Owen Sound just a month short of his 100th birthday. There will be a funeral service at P-T in late summer or fall.

**Samuel's vacation:** our minister is away until June 2. In the case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Linda Buchanan at [revlindabuchanan@gmail.com](mailto:revlindabuchanan@gmail.com) or 514 691-7529.

## *This week*

**Organ recital:** On Monday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m. our organist Leslie Young will perform a recital here at Plymouth-Trinity for Les amis de l'orgue de Montréal. Everyone is welcome.

## *Next week*

**Sunday, May 28** – Seventh of Easter

### **Lectionary readings**

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 1 Peter 4:12–5:11, John 17:1-11

*Culte en français à 9 h dans la chapelle.*

**English worship service will be led** by Michael Eby at 10:30.

## *Outreach*

**Lenten share calendar:** Thanks to many contributors our donation to Mental Health Estrie is now around \$950! The treasurers are still ready to receive further donations.

**Mental Health Estrie fundraiser:** Mechoui on Saturday June 3, at 6 p.m. at “The Hut,” 300 St. Francis in Sherbrooke. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$12 for 12 years and under; available at Mental Health Estrie, 819 565-3777 or call Esther Barnett 819 837-2261. Come and enjoy a delicious meal while supporting this important cause.

**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”.

**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*

**The Heart of Christianity,** by the late Marcus Borg. St. Paul’s United in Magog will be studying this book in fall and they’re looking for copies they could borrow or buy. If you have a copy you’re willing to lend or sell please contact St. Paul’s at 819 843-3778. Anyone interested in joining us for the study is most welcome.

**Relay for Life:** Janet McBurney will be participating in her 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:j.mcburney@sympatico.ca).

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