

Order of Worship

February 4, 2018

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

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	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.	VU 274.3
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*Call to worship / Opening prayer

*Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	VU 220
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Children's time

*Response	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!	VU 400
	Dieu, tes enfants te prient, écoute. Dieu, remplis-nous de ton Esprit; Dieu, tes enfants prient, écoute, toi l'amour, toi la grâce et la vie.	

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

*Affirmation of faith	VU 918
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. OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

NT: New Testament

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***Hymn** *When I needed a neighbour*

VU 600

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures Isaiah 40: 21-31
 Psalm 147
 Mark 1: 29-39

OT 668
VU p. 868
NT 35

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

Sermon

Personal reflection

***Hymn** *Precious Lord, take my hand*

VU 670

Minute for mission

Offering

***Offertory / Prayer of dedication** *VU 385.4 (Eng.) – VU 386.4(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 and sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn** *All my hope is firmly grounded*

VU 654

*** Benediction**

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

VU 419

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

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fifth Sunday after Epiphany, may the gentle winds of the Spirit breathe on us a breath of freedom and love.

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 or a cold drink after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

We thank our volunteers:

Readers: Ann Fowlis

Ushers: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Happy Birthday to Charlotte Stratton (a special one) on February 7, Vae Hershey on Feb. 8 and June Boynton on Feb. 9.

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Brian Cullen and family in memory of Don who died February 3, 1991.

Annual Report: Make sure you have your copy before you leave, but bring it back for the congregational meeting next Sunday, February 11.

We welcome our new office secretary this week! Eleanor Brown, daughter of Gordon, is bilingual and, as a journalist, very familiar with writing and computers. She attended P-T in her youth, with her father and sister, so is very familiar with the building and with a lot of the people. Many others know her from her years of "Good Reads" in The Record. Eleanor will work in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 9-noon.

This week

Tuesday, February 6: Ecumenical Liaison Committee meeting; Carno, Vivienne, the rev. Martyn Sadler and the minister are members of this group.

Thursday, February 8: Reach-out luncheon at Coco-Frutti on Belvedere. Speak to Lois or Val for details or transport.

Next week

Sunday, February 11: 6th Sunday after Epiphany.

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147;

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 and Mark 1: 29-39

Annual Congregational meeting: Bilingual worship service with Sunday school and Communion at 10:30 a.m.

Lenten share calendars 2018 will be distributed.

Outreach

Mitten tree: For the 25th, and final, year we have an outlet for winter shoppers and idle fingers! Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks/Scarves) for homeless people, mostly men. The gift bags contain hats, underwear, gloves, scarves and socks in adult sizes, either hand-made or bought, as well as toiletries. Our mitten tree will receive “fruit”, including toothbrushes, soap, etc. for HUGS, until Palm Sunday. –Our very last Mitten tree has very little “fruit” so far; please add to it during the Lenten season.

Moisson Estrie: Where do our donations - food &/or money - to the local food bank go ?

Food baskets: \$3 million worth of food to 30 organisations and 12 elementary schools; this represents 60 families per day!

Job training: Three work areas employ, for 26 weeks at a time, people who are trying to get back into the workforce.

Organisations assisted: Food banks in Asbestos, Coaticook, Cookshire, Lac Mégantic, Magog, Stanstead and Valcourt; popular eating places, e.g. La Chaudronnée and La Grande Table; community groups such as Le Journal de rue, Salvation Army, Centres pour femmes immigrantes...

-When you shop for your own groceries, try and pick up one of the items especially appreciated by the food bank: macaroni, spaghetti..., flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables. There are boxes marked Moisson Estrie at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Eaton Corner Museum presents *Settler Story: the story of Captain Josiah Sawyer and associates establishing the first villages in the Township of Eaton.*

Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sawyerville Community Centre, 6 Church St., Sawyerville; \$10 per ticket. Call Elaine Lebourveau at 819-563-8700 or write to elebourveau@videotron.ca

All proceeds support the Eaton Corner Museum.