

Order of Worship

February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

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: God of the Bible**

MV 28 #2

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
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God always faithful, you do not change.

***Call to worship / Opening prayer**

***Hymn:** Oh love how deep, how broad, how high! VU 348 #1-4

Children's time

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace:

Response:

MV 90

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

and I have promised, promised to be always near.

N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort,
il est plus fort que votre peur. N'ayez pas peur,
mon amour est plus fort; je vous ai promis,
promis d'être toujours là.

***Affirmation of faith**

VU 918

***Hymn:** Jesus, tempted in the desert

VU 115

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Genesis 9: 8-17

OT 7

Psalm 25: 1-10

OT 502

Mark 1: 9-15

NT 34

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

Sermon

Personal reflection

***Hymn:** O God of Bethel

VU 650

Minute for mission

Offering

***Offertory / Prayer of dedication**

VU 506 #1

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Announcements and sharing in the life of the Community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah

VU 651

*** Benediction**

***Response: Amen!**

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this first Sunday and for the whole journey of Lent, the gentle winds of the Spirit breathe on us a breath of compassion and self-examination, not self-deprecation. We may watch the Moderator's Lenten message at www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtXXPIWUgks

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.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Kristi Roht

Ushers: Val Rawlings and Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Happy Birthday to Ruby Robinson (the 18th of February), to Bonnie Juby-Smith (the 20th), and to Jeannette Gagnon Brown and Michael Innes (both celebrating the 22nd). And **happy anniversary** to Eva & Renaud Scheib (the 21st).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Jim Innes, in memory of his mother Helen, who died Feb. 22, 1991.

Annual Report: Copies are available at the back of the sanctuary.

This week

February 18: The Duo Caron-Lacroix (guitars) presents Cordes nomades, a concert here at Plymouth-Trinity at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 (regular), \$30 for seniors, \$15 students 25 and under, free for 12 and under.

February 20: M&O Conference's Executive meeting, Lachine.

February 21: Quebec Presbytery's Executive meeting, Westmount, Montreal.

February 21, Lenten Share Calendar: For friends or neighbours to rely on in times of need, put in \$1. That's from the Lenten Share Calendar, available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary. Each day features a question or acknowledgement that will make us think. All proceeds will go to La Grande Table.

February 24: Quebec Presbytery plenary meeting. In addition to our minister, Kristi Roht, Vivienne Galanis & Gordon Lambie will attend.

Next week

Sunday, February 25: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Lectionary readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22: 23-31; Romans 4: 13-25 and Mark 8: 31-38

March 2: World Day of Prayer, Eglise Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours, 905 Ontario, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In the community

Eaton Corner Museum presents a third performance of *Settler Story: the story of Captain Josiah Sawyer and associates establishing the first villages in the Township of Eaton*, today Sunday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Sawyerville Community Centre (96 Church Street in Sawyerville), if there are at least 50 reservations. Price \$10, reserve via Elaine at 819-563-8700.

The Jewish Community Centre of the Eastern Townships and Montreal presents *Healing Into Action: Remembering the Holocaust*, a talk by its director, Isaac Romano, on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Salle Alfred-Des-Rochers, Cégep de Sherbrooke, Pavillion 3-14-140, 200 Rue Terrill.

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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.

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.

