

Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

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 we 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: There's a Spirit in the air**

VU 582

Children's time

OT: Old Testament

VU: Voices United

** The congregation standing, as able*

NT: New Testament

MV: More Voices

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
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: Blessed Jesus, at your word**

VU 500

Prayer for illumination

Scripture

Numbers 21: 4-9

OT 139

Psalm 107

VU page 831

John 3: 1-17

NT 93

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

Meditation: Not to condemn, but to save!

Personal reflection

***Hymn: Let there be light**

VU 679

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:** I heard the voice of Jesus

VU 626

***Benediction**

***Response: Amen!**

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, let us remember the healing power of God's love for us.

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 & Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Happy birthday: Pierre Weber (celebrating on March 12), Eca Naleula (March 13) and Freeman Clowery (March 15).

Watch out! Making a left turn on Terrill when you are exiting the parking lot is dangerous and illegal.

This week

Tuesday, March 13: The UCW will meet in the parlour at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: Telling Our Stories 2, where we get to better know each other by simply telling our life stories. Our minister talks about the second part of his life, from 1991, when he and his wife Selma arrived in North America. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Arrive a bit early for refreshments! Future evenings will hopefully feature others sharing their stories.

Lenten Share Calendar, for March 13: If you own a car, put in 75 cents; if not, 50 cents. Pick up your copy of the calendar at the back of the sanctuary; proceeds to La Grande Table.

Next week

Sunday, March 18, 5th of Lent

Lectionary readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Culte en français à 9 h; English service at 10:30 a.m.

In the community

The Canadian Cancer Society's annual daffodil campaign is once again under way. The cost is \$10 for a bunch of ten daffodils. If you would like to order some flowers, please speak with Jack, Pam, or Michael Eby before March 13. The flowers will be available after church on March 25.

Soul of the Community — Building Neighbourhoods of Hope — 2.

How can we find new ways of being a church in our neighbourhoods? Saturday, March 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Saint Columba House (2365 Grand Trunk, Montreal). All welcome. Lunch provided. For more info and to RSVP, contact Patricia Lisson at 514-241-9036, Lisa Byer-de Wever at 514-932-6202 ex.224, or our minister.

An information session on Christian meditation, and some actual meditation, will take place at St. Patrick's Church in Sherbrooke on Tuesday, March 27 at 1:30. Please contact Carol Smith at 819-569-6514 or carolepowers@hotmail.com for more info.

Outreach

Mitten tree: Mental Health Estrie prepares festive HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks/Scarves) for homeless people, mostly adult men. The gift bags also contain toiletries. Our mitten tree will receive "fruit" for HUGS until Palm Sunday (March 25).

Moisson Estrie: There are boxes marked Moisson Estrie at the front and back of the sanctuary. The food bank especially appreciates pasta, flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables.