

# Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Lent, March 18, 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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## **\*Call to worship / Opening prayer**

**\*Hymn:** O for a thousand tongues to sing

VU 326

## **Children's time**

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*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 p 918

### **\*Hymn: My song is love unknown**

VU 143

## **Prayer for illumination**

### **Scripture**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

OT 735

Psalm 51: 1-12

VU (p 776-777, refrain 1)

John 12: 20-33

NT 106

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

**Meditation:** Whoever serves me must follow me...

### **Personal reflection**

### **\*Hymn: Spirit, open my heart**

MV 79

## **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:** For the healing of the nations

VU 678

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response: Amen!**

**Postlude**

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# Announcements

**Welcome** to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fifth Sunday of Lent, let us remember that the grain has to die in order to multiply and bear much fruit.

**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:** Pam Eby

**Ushers:** Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

**Sexton:** Dave Fowlis

**Happy birthday:** Frank Loïc Nenkam (celebrating on March 18), Andrew Brown and Ben Albright (both March 21) and Joyce Hébert (March 22).

**Bulletin covers** this week are donated by Ruby and Stuart Robinson, in memory of Ruby's parents Jessie and Harry MacLeod.

**Easter flowers:** If you would like to donate towards spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter season, please speak to Kristi Roht, call her at 819-566-6296 or email [kristiroht@gmail.com](mailto:kristiroht@gmail.com). Please let Kristi know if you wish to have your name printed in the bulletin, along with the person or people in whose memory the flowers are given.

## This week

**Tuesday, March 20:** The Board meets at 7:30 p.m.

**Lenten Share Calendar**, for March 20: Think of five things you're grateful for and donate 75 cents. Pick up your copy of the

calendar at the back of the sanctuary; proceeds to La Grande Table.

**Tuesday, March 20:** Our minister will attend a meeting of the Executive of the Quebec Presbytery.

**Thursday, March 22:** Reach Out luncheon at Scores on King Street West at 11:30 a.m. Speak to Lois or Val for details or transport.

**Friday, March 23:** The Education & Outreach meeting has been postponed to April 6 (see next item).

**Friday, March 23:** Our minister is in Lachine co-presiding La Table (of Ministries In French or MIF), the first meeting of the new entity since the release of the final report of The United Church Boundaries Commission. We belong to Region 13 (which is a merger of our Quebec Presbytery and the Consistoire Laurentien, minus Église St Marc of Ottawa). The Report can be found online at [www.united-church.ca/news/final-report-regional-council-boundaries](http://www.united-church.ca/news/final-report-regional-council-boundaries)

## Next week

**Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday**

### **Lectionary readings**

Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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

## Coming Soon

**Thursday, March 29:** P-T hosts an ecumenical Passover Seder at 6 p.m. It's a potluck, but please do not bring leavened bread or

pastries, no pork, and no shellfish. The evening will be led by our guest, the Chicago-based rabbi Laurence Edwards. Please RSVP with the church secretary at 819-346-6373 or PlymouthTrinityChurch@gmail.com or via EventBrite.ca (so we know how many to expect).

**Friday, March 30:** We are invited to attend a Good Friday service which will be held at St. Mark's Chapel on the Bishop's University campus at 10 a.m.

**Sunday, April 1:** We will begin the day with an early morning service on the hill by Beauvoir Sanctuary (675 Côte de Beauvoir). Those interested are invited to gather in the church lot (to carpool); departure at 6 a.m. A bilingual service with Communion will be held in the Plymouth-Trinity sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

## Outreach

**Mitten tree:** Next week is our last! 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.

## In the community

**Georgeville Dinner Theatre** invites you to a supper of chicken and biscuits and decadent desserts, plus a performance of Star Wars 1977- A tribute, a special edition radio play performed in

English, live at the Murray Memorial Center in Georgeville. Silent auction, too. April 6 and 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25, by reservation only, at 819-847-4264 or [info@cerfargente.com](mailto:info@cerfargente.com) . To benefit the United and Anglican churches of Georgeville.

**Income tax clinics:** Yes, that time of year is coming around again. If you in a low-income tax bracket, two organizations offer inexpensive tax preparation services. Solutions Budget Plus is located at 79 Wellington St. N., Suite 100, in downtown Sherbrooke, open Monday to Saturday. The cost is \$10 (cash) per person, and you can check your eligibility by calling 819-562-8656. Townshippers' Association is NO LONGER offering a clinic; instead, the service is offered by Literacy In Action. This English-language community group is located in Lennoxville, at 7 Connelly St. (J1M 1L8). Call for an appointment, at 819-346-7009.

**Christian meditation:** An information session, 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](mailto:carolepowers@hotmail.com) for more info.

**Born to Sweet Delight** is a new book by local retired Presbyterian minister, the Rev. John Barry Forsyth. "Within these pages, you will find encouragement for your faith, biblical exposition from the Old Testament scriptures with reference points to the New Testament... measured against an infinite glory and the weigh scales of delight." \$18; available from Amazon and Indigo and the author ([johnbarry.forsyth@videotron.ca](mailto:johnbarry.forsyth@videotron.ca) ).