

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd / Earth Day
April 22, 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 we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

***Call to worship**

***Gathering song**

This is the day

MV 122

This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad (x2)
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!
Singing hallelu, singing hallelu,
Singing hallelu! We will rejoice and be glad!

Voici le jour que Dieu a fait; nous le vivrons dans la joie (x2)
Chantant Allelu! Chantant Allelu!
Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.
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Chantant Allelu! Nous le vivrons dans la joie.

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Opening prayer**

***Hymn**

Crown him with many crowns

VU 211

Children's time

***Affirmation of faith**

***Hymn**

Joy comes with the dawn

VU 166

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

John 10: 7-18

NT 103

Psalm 23

VU p. 747

I John 3: 16-24

NT 240

Responsive reading

One: We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Two: How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

One: Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Two: And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.

One: Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey God's commandments and do what pleases God.

Two: And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us.

One: All who obey Jesus' commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that Jesus abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Meditation Not in word or speech, but in truth and action

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

Come, O fount of every blessing

VU 559

Minute for mission

Offering

***Response**

MV 34 (1, 4)

Tout est fait pour la gloire de Dieu, amen! Amen!

Tout dépend de ce que tu en fais. Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Tout est fait pour la gloire de Dieu, amen! Amen!

All is giv'n for the glory of God, amen! Amen!

All depends upon our glorious God. Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

Your hand, O God, has guided

VU 274

***Benediction**

*Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah

Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah

Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fourth Sunday of Easter, which is both the Good Shepherd and Earth Sunday, the Resurrected One walks with us. May his Spirit inspire us and help us better become the flock of his pasturage.

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: Denis Ashby & Vivienne Galanis

Ushers: Hazel Innes and Val Rawlings

Sexton: Jim Innes

Friends and family gathered in the sanctuary on April 20 to pay tribute to Freeman Clowery. He was interred at Elmwood Cemetery.

Happy birthday to Beatrice Lambie (on April 22), Pam Eby and Cathy Marshall (both on April 24) and Annette Lunkenbein (April 28). And belated happy birthday to Richard Stratton who celebrated last Wednesday; last Sunday's bulletin erroneously sent birthday wishes to his brother Robert!

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Gerry & Vera Armstrong.

Lost and found: Have you misplaced a hat or somesuch in the church? A Lost & Found box can now be... found... in the downstairs hall, right next to the elevator.

This week

Tuesday, April 24: Worship Team meeting in the parlour, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24: Conference Executive meeting, Lachine, 10 a.m.

Friday, April 27: Messy Church, for children of all ages who like to get their hands dirty, Lennoxville United from 5 p.m. There will be a creative time exploring a biblical theme while getting messy, a short celebration and a meal.

Saturday, April 28: The women of Plymouth-Trinity will hold a Spring Bake Sale and Tea Party from 2 to 4 p.m. Come and purchase your favourite home-baked treats and stay for a cup of tea (or coffee) and sweetbreads for only \$5. The UCW is considering adding a table of pre-loved books. If you have any you'll never read again, please contact Janet McBurney at janetjammbc@gmail.com (819-565-9716) or Cathy Marshall (819-562-1032).

Saturday, April 28: Quebec Presbytery meeting in Bromont.

Next week

Sunday, April 29, 5th Sunday of Easter

Lectionary readings: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8.

The United Church of Canada's General Council 43

EDGE is reaching out to United Church congregations to share details on General Council 43, the **Festival of Faith** and the **Social Innovation Challenge**. In addition we hope to speak with individuals or groups who might be interested in sharing their gifts with others at the Festival of Faith. Are you a singer or artist? Perhaps you have other talents? If so we should talk! Please contact Carla Leon at carla@edge-ucc.ca.

The Festival of Faith: Saturday and Sunday, July 21–22, part of the 43rd General Council at UOIT Durham in Oshawa, ON. It is a celebration of our work and witness through the arts

Cost: Free!

The Festival of Faith kicks off GC43. It's a chance to celebrate the hopeful things that are already happening across the country in many communities of faith. This festival will bring together musicians, authors, dancers, storytellers, and craftspeople. Follow the Festival of Faith on Facebook for details.

The Social Innovation Challenge comes during the Festival of Faith, to inspire local social innovators to collaborate and launch their social ideas. Read this blog to start, at www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/what-does-social-enterprise-have-do-church. The event is July 22 at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, Room JW201, and it is free. More details at www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/oshawa

Outreach

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...

In the community

Want to learn about turtles? Three of North America's species of turtle are found in the Appalachian corridor: The Painted Turtle, the Snapping Turtle and the Wood Turtle. That last, the most terrestrial of all eight freshwater turtles species in Quebec, is designated "Threatened" by the federal government. The St. Francis Valley Naturalists Club invites you to Townships' Turtles: Studies & Conservation, a talk by Caroline Daguét (of Appalachian Corridor Inc.) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, at the Centre Communautaire Amédée Beaudoin (10 rue Samuel Gratham, Lennoxville). Everyone is welcome!

Mental Health Estrie will hold a méchoui fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. at The Hut (300 St. Francis in Sherbrooke). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 years and under. Tickets may be reserved by calling Esther Barnett at

819-837-2261. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal and support an important organization in our community.

Income tax preparation: Are you are in a low-income tax bracket? Solutions Budget Plus, at 79 Wellington St. N., Suite 100, in downtown Sherbrooke, is open Monday to Saturday. The cost is \$10 (cash) per person, and you can check your eligibility by calling 819-562-8656. For service guaranteed in English, there's Literacy In Action. This community group is located in Lennoxville, at 7 Connolly St. Call for an appointment, and check if you qualify, at 819-346-7009.

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