

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Easter
April 29, 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!
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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**

Come, children, join to sing

VU 345

Children's time

***Affirmation of faith**

***Hymn**

Christ is alive

VU 158

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Acts 8: 26-40

NT 127

Psalm 22: 25-31

VU p 746 (parts 3 and 4)

John 15: 1-14

NT 109

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

In Christ there is no east or west

VU 606

Minute for mission

Offering

***Response**

MV 57

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie, alléluai!

I'll praise eternal God with all my heart, and
I will recount your marvelous works and glorify your name.
I'll praise eternal God with all my heart,
I'll make you, my Lord, the subject of my joy. Alleluia!

Announcements and sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn**

God, dismiss us with your blessing

VU 425

***Benediction**

*Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah
Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah
Halle! Halle! Halle! Luujah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fifth Sunday of Easter, may the gentle winds of the Spirit help us abide in the vineyard so that we may bear much fruit of love, truth and justice.

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: Michael Eby

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Happy birthday to Gerry Armstrong (on April 29), Eula Cathcart (April 30) and Irma Perron (May 5). **Happy anniversary** to Kim Bailey and Stephan Elkas (celebrating on May 2)

Have you checked out our website recently? Come visit! A French translation of PlymouthTrinityChurch.org was launched on April 20. Many thanks to Michael Eby and Esaie Kuitche for all their hard work. La traduction française du site web Plymouth-Trinity a été introduite le 20 avril! Venez nous voir!

This week

Tuesday, May 1: The April 24 Worship Team meeting has been rescheduled, meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Thursday, May 3: Reach Out luncheon at Vieux Duluth at 3155 Portland Boulevard (across from the Carrefour de l'Estrie) at 11:30 a.m. Speak to Lois or Val for details or transport.

Next week

Sunday, May 6, 6th Sunday of Easter

Lectionary readings: Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5: 1-6;
John 15: 9-17

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: It's free and kicks off the 43rd General Council at UOIT Durham in Oshawa, ON, Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22. It is a celebration of our work and witness through the arts, 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 is also free, and will inspire local social innovators to collaborate and launch their social ideas. Read www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/what-does-social-enterprise-have-to-do-with-church. The event is July 22 at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa. See www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/oshawa Or drop by the P-T secretary's office to see the documents!

In the community

Mental Health Estrie will hold a méchoui fundraiser on Saturday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. at The Hut (300 St. Francis in Lennoxville). Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 years and under. For tickets call Esther Barnett at 819-837-2261.