

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Order of Worship

6th Sunday of Easter / Rural Life Sunday
May 6, 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!
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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**

The head that once was crowned

VU 190

Children's time

***Affirmation of faith**

***Hymn**

Jesus, united by Your grace

VU 591

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Acts 10: 44-48

NT 130

Psalm 98

VU p 818

1 John 5: 1-6

NT 241

John 15: 9-17

NT 109

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

Many and great, O God, are Your works

VU 308

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**

Love divine, all loves excelling

VU 333

***Benediction**

*Halle! Halle! Halle!

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this sixth Sunday of Easter, may the gentle winds of the Spirit help us abide in the vine 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: Janet McBurney

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & friend

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

We thank the United Church Women (UCW) who spent last Saturday afternoon offering tea, baked goods, books and movies to all those who dropped by. Everything was delicious!

Our minister will be taking a few days off, from May 10 to 14.

Thank you to Janet McBurney who will lead worship in his absence. In the case of pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Linda Buchanan at Lennoxville United Church, at revlindabuchanan@gmail.com or 819-565-8449.

Happy birthday to Kerry Philbrick Patton (on May 6), Loïc Razakalalao (May 9), Paul Cloutier-Young (May 10), Nadia Andriamahefa (May 11), and Samuel V. Dansokho and Sean Marshall (both on May 12). **Happy anniversary** to June & Everett Boynton (celebrating on May 11).

Sad news: Frederick Tees was the minister at Plymouth Trinity from 1976 to 1981. His son Andrew tells us his father passed away May 2, at the age of 91, and writes: “He enjoyed his time at Plymouth-Trinity and we as a family loved being in Sherbrooke.”

This week

Tuesday, May 8: All women of the congregation are considered members of the UCW and you are all invited to join us for our annual Spring Pot Luck supper and meeting at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please bring a dish to share. The men will do the dishes.

Wednesday, May 9: Telling Our Stories returns at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour, with Denis Ashby, Thomas Bilodeau, and Michael Eby telling us their stories. Please come by to show your support and to get to know them better.

Thursday, May 10: The Pastoral Care Team meets at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Next week

Sunday, May 13, Mother’s Day / Christian Family Sunday

Lectionary readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

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

Spring Update: Deadline for reports and interesting tidbits about the P-T family: next Sunday, May 13 - to Inge or Vivienne at vivgal@sympatico.ca

The United Church of Canada

Student bursaries available: Three bursaries administered by the Finance and Extension Board of the Montreal Presbytery are available to post-secondary students who are active members in congregations of the Quebec and/or Laurentian

presbyteries. Preference will be given to those registered in Canadian educational institutions. The application deadline is June 8, 2018. For more information and application forms, go online to QuebecPresbytery.ca/Administration/Bursaries-Forms-and-Grants and there is also information posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.

The United Church of Canada's General Council 43 is coming up in July in Oshawa. Plus the Festival of Faith (Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22, a free celebration of our work and witness through the arts); follow the Facebook page for details. The Social Innovation Challenge (also free) is July 22; see www.socialinnovationchallenge.ca/oshawa. And/or pop by the P-T Secretary's office for more details.

Community

Dirty hands feel good! Come join hands with Gordon, Michael and Samuel if you like to garden (and if you'd like the church grounds to look even more beautiful). Get in touch and we will figure out a time.

The Ecumenical Liaison Committee invites you to a happening on the day of Pentecost (May 20). It takes place at Parc Belvedere (in Ascot) and is an opportunity to joyfully share gifts and talents in music and arts. Christians from all denominations come celebrate our unity in diversity! From 5 to 8 p.m.

The next Messy Church event is Friday, June 8, for children of all ages, and will be held at Lennoxville United Church from 5 p.m. It typically includes a creative time to explore a biblical theme while getting messy, a short celebration, and a meal.

Give blood: If you are eligible to give blood, the Sûreté du Québec provincial police force sponsors a blood clinic with Héma-Québec at the Carrefour mall (on Portland) Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, from 1 to 8 p.m.

Outreach

Moisson Estrie: There are boxes marked for the Moisson Estrie food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary. Please especially consider donating macaroni, spaghetti, flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, canned fruit or vegetables.

Where do our donations 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...

ADDED to the Bulletin on May 4:

We offer our heart-felt condolences to the Rev. Martyn Sadler, who is grieving the death of his eldest cousin, Donald Ross Sadler of Lambeth, Ontario, who died April 28 at the age of 88. Don Sadler was the patriarch of the Sadler family. He leaves his wife Barbara, as well as seven children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews friends. A celebration of Don's life was held on Thursday, May 3rd. Online condolences are available at www.mcfarlane-roberts.ca.

We also have just received more information about Rev. Frederick Tees; a memorial service to celebrate his life was held yesterday at Mountainside United Church, in Westmount.