

Conseil régional Nakonha:ka Regional Council
Plymouth-Trinity United Church
Order of Worship

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Prelude

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.

At Plymouth-Trinity, we are gathered this morning on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Call to worship

***Gathering song**

VU 79 (1, 2)

Arise, your light is come! The spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

***Opening prayer**

* les personnes qui le peuvent sont priées de se lever

OT: Old Testament AT: Ancien Testament NT: New / Nouveau Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

***Opening hymn**

VU 260

God who gives to life its goodness

Prayer of confession and Affirmation of grace

***Response**

MV 89 (1)

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud;
God is where love is, for love is of God.

***Affirmation of faith**

Children's time

***Hymn**

VU 681

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

(OT 42)

Psalm 37

(VU p 763)

Luke 6:27-38

(NT 64)

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

Message : ... To preserve life: the Golden Rule

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 593

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Minute for Mission

Offering

***Offertory/Prayer of dedication**

MV 79

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Closing hymn**

MV 176

Three things I promise

***Benediction**

***Closing response**

Amen

Postlude

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this seventh Sunday after Epiphany, the gentle wind of the Holy Spirit is upon us, inviting us to consider the Golden Rule as a way of life.

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 and take a peace candle back to your congregation. You will find the candles on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We thank our volunteers

Reader: Andrew Brown

Ushers: Andrew Brown & Inge Lunkenbein

Sexton: Robert Stratton

Bulletin covers today are donated by Jim Innes in memory of his mother Helen Innes, who died Feb. 22, 1991.

Happy belated birthday to Ruby Robinson (Feb. 18), Bonnie Juby-Smith (Feb. 20), and Jeanette Gagnon Brown & Michael Innis (both Feb 22). A belated happy anniversary to Eva and Renaud Scheib (Feb 21).

And for the coming week, happy birthday to Ann Fowlis (Feb. 25) and Robert Stratton (Feb. 26).

Observer renewals: To subscribers to the *United Church Observer* (soon to be *Broadview*): it's renewal time again! Cost still only \$25. Please send your cheque, marked "Observer" to Plymouth-Trinity (380 Dufferin, Sherbrooke, QC J1H 4M7) or put it on the collection plate or give a cheque or cash to Lois Deagle. If you're not planning to renew, please tell Lois.

To non-subscribers: The Education and Outreach Team encourages you to consult a copy of this excellent magazine found on the small tables at the back of the sanctuary.

The UCW still has 2019 calendars available for \$7, please contact Janet McBurney at 819-565-9716 or janetjammcb@gmail.com to get yours.

This week

Thursday, February 28: Our minister, along with Lois Deagle, Val Rawlings, and Lennoxville United's Rev. Linda Buchanan, will lead services at St. Francis Manor in Lennoxville at 10:30 a.m. and at Grace Village at 1:30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer 2019: This year's bilingual, ecumenical celebration will take place in the chapel of the Armée du Salut (Salvation Army), 112, Wellington South on Friday, March 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Take the stairs or elevator to room 120 on the first floor. The theme is "Come, Everything is Ready" (Luke 14, 17). *This year we especially pray for the women of the Slovenia churches.* All welcome.

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, March 3, Transfiguration Sunday

Lectionary readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

English service at 10:30 a.m.; Culte en français à 13 h dans la chapelle (entrer par la porte dans l'aire de stationnement)

The leaders of our community of faith elected and nominated at the annual meeting will be installed during our 10:30 worship service.

Tuesday, March 5: Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper! Shanna Bernier (and friends) are reviving this popular event. This Mardi Gras Pancake celebration will benefit our regional United Church Camp, United Spirit Camp Esprit Uni.

United Spirit camp offers programming for kids and youth aged 8-17. Kids from all over Quebec and Ontario attend this camp, and enjoy a week of affordable and welcoming programming. The mission of United Spirit is "TO CREATE A SPACE WHERE THE SPIRIT CAN ACT". Help us get more kids to camp! Our theme this year is "Radical Welcome".

We will serve pancakes, sausages, fruit and maple syrup. Plus homemade apple sauce, coffee/tea/juice. 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$10, students and kids 6-plus, \$8. Please RSVP by calling 819-346-6373 or email VisioningDay@Gmail.com . Supper will be followed by a short Ash Wednesday service.

Wednesday, March 6: Telling Our Stories with Adrien Pasche. Come spend an evening with Adrien in the parlour, at 7:30 p.m.; stay afterwards for snacks and conversation.

Upcoming

The next Youth Forum has been scheduled for April 12 to 14 in Magog. For more info, talk to Shanna Bernier. Or check out the Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/YouthForum-April2019>

Outreach

Moisson Estrie: There are boxes marked for the food bank at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Please consider joining Moisson Estrie's noodle club (Club des Nouilles) where as little as \$5 per month will enable the distribution of \$65 of pasta, coffee, flour, sugar, oil and other products often missing from food bank shelves.

Community

Living Soil: The St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club presents horticulturalist Cathy Neville: "Thinking about gardening and the condition of your soil? Enjoy help from an expert." 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27 at Lennoxville's Centre communautaire Amédée Beaudoin (10 rue Samuel Gratham).

Our mission statement

As people of Plymouth-Trinity Church we strive to:

- be a welcoming and caring community following the example of Jesus Christ;
- share in meaningful worship for those who long to hear the Good News;
- deepen our faith and share it with people of all ages;
- listen to and learn from our brothers and sisters of other faiths and denominations;
- promote justice and peace in our city and in our world.

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