

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

Sunday, March 10, 2019
First of Lent

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 on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land through the ages.

Call to worship

***Gathering song**

MV 145

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Traçons un grand cercle. Traçons-le plus grand.
C'est notre seul chant, nul n'est solitaire,
debout solidaires, traçons un grand cercle.

* 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 prayer**

***Opening hymn**

VU 217 (Eng 1, 2; fr 3, 4)

All creatures of our God and King

Prayer of confession

Response

VU 946

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us

Seigneur aie pitié, Seigneur aie pitié, Seigneur aie pitié de nous

Affirmation of grace

Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community

Children's time

***Hymn**

VU 115

Jesus, tempted in the desert

Prayer for illumination

Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(OT 180)

Psalm 91

(VU p 807)

Luke 4:1-13

(NT 61)

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

Anthem

Blest are the pure in heart

(Richard S. Eaton, 1914-1968)

Message : Simply put...

Call and response

One: Fast from hurting words

Many: and say kind words.

Fast from sadness

and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger

and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism

and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries

and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints

and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures

and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness

and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness

and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges

and be reconciled.

Fast from words

and be silent so you can listen.

(words by Pope Francis)

Personal reflection

Communion liturgy

see insert

***Hymn**

VU 108 (1, 2, 3)

Throughout these Lenten days and nights

Offering (brought to the communion table during hymn)

Hymn

(sung to **VU 122**)

(after partaking of the elements and before the Post
Communion Prayer)

Confie à Dieu ta route: Dieu sait ce qu'il te faut;
Jamais le moindre doute, ne le prend en défaut.
Quant à travers l'espace Dieu guide astres et vents,
Ne crois-tu pas qu'Il trace la route à ses enfants?

Consens à Lui remettre le poids de ton souci.
Dieu règne, Dieu est le Maître : maintenant et ici.
Captif pendant tes veilles de vains soins superflus,
Bientôt tu t'émerveilles de voir qu'ils ne sont plus.

Mais peut-être une crainte, toi qui gémis encore,
T'enserre en son étreinte: Dieu néglige mon sort.
Non! Garde l'espérance: Dieu prépare en secret
La seule délivrance à quoi tu n'es pas prêt.

***Closing hymn**

VU 262 (1, 2) and **261** (3, 4)

A mighty fortress is our God

***Benediction**

***Closing response**

MV 209

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

Postlude

Te Deum (We Praise You) (Dieterich Buxtehude, 1637-1707)

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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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this first Sunday in Lent, the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit are inviting us to a journey of transformation and simplification.

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.

Today we share in the Lord's Supper. Please let the minister know of anyone who would like to receive Communion at home or in hospital.

The wooden Benevolent Fund box is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each time we share in Holy Communion we have the opportunity to donate to this fund which is used to purchase food vouchers for the minister to distribute to people in need, including our own members.

We thank our volunteers

Readers: Denis Ashby, Martyn Sadler & Demitry Willard

Ushers: Val Rawlings & friend

Sexton: Jim Innes

Communion: Val Rawlings & Kristi Roht

Another death in the family: Long-time Plymouth-Trinity member Eula Cathcart has passed away. She had been living at Grace Village, and attended the monthly Grace Village United Church service on February 28. She will be remembered for her long service as a nurse at the old Sherbrooke Hospital, among her other work. There is to be no visitation and no funeral, per

Eula's wishes. Eula would have been 99 next month. All our sympathy to her children, Judy and Patsy.

Happy birthday to Pierre Weber (March 12) and Eca Naleula (March 13).

Lenten share calendars: This Lent, together with Lennoxville United, we're raising money for Mon Shack, the residence in Lennoxville for young adults living with mental health issues. Pick up a calendar if you don't already have one.

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.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper fundraiser: A happy and tired Shanna Bernier gives a quick update: "We had at least 55 people. The final amount raised for the summer United Church Spirit Camp Esprit was close to \$500. We ate much food and were merry and it was a great fun time! We had many volunteers: Lois Fowler from Richmond, camp counsellor Ben Ryan from North Hatley, Eli Monarque from Danville, Rev. Tami Spires (the minister in Eaton Valley), and from P-T: Denis Ashby, Andrew Brown, Lois Deagle, Michael Eby, Ann Fowlis, Val Rawlings and Kristi Roht. Many thanks to those who donated money as well as food."

Shanna and friends revived the annual P-T pancake supper this year after a hiatus; she is "definitely planning on making Pancakes-for-camp an annual tradition"!

Thanks also to Adrien Pasche, for the lively and moving sharing of his life during Wednesday's Telling our stories. Our appreciation goes to Lois Deagle for providing refreshments.

This week

Tuesday, March 12: Church Board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour

Thursday, March 14: Education & Outreach meets at 1:45 p.m. in the parlour

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, March 17, Second in Lent

Lectionary readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

English service at 10:30 a.m. with guest leader Gordon Lambie.

Our minister is scheduled to accompany senior United Church staff on a trip to Southern Africa from March 16 to April 2 (providing the necessary paperwork arrives on time). He offers his heartfelt thanks to all those who will lead services in his absence. Your prayers during and for his trip are appreciated!

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>

United Church of Canada

In his Lenten message, United Church of Canada Moderator Richard Bott reminds us that this season is a time to think, deeply, about our relationship with God.

He asks us each to consider meeting with another disciple of Jesus, and exploring the question, "How is it with your soul?" You can find a link to the video message via the *News* section of our webpage, at PlymouthTrinityChurch.org.

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

Income taxes: The income tax clinic at 81 Wellington North in Sherbrooke is open through March and April, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10, maximum revenue \$25,000 for an individual (see other eligibility requirements on the poster on the hall bulletin board). Call 819-562-8656 for more information.

In Lennoxville, Literacy in Action will also hold an Income Tax Clinic; contact them directly for information, at 819-346-7009.