

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

Sunday, March 17, 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 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.

***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 111

As the sun with longer journey

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

***Affirmation of faith**

Children's time

***Hymn**

VU 669

Jesus, lover of my soul

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

(OT 12)

Psalm 27

(VU p 754)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

(NT 198)

Luke 13:31-35

(NT 77)

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

Message

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 681

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Offering

***Offertory/Prayer of dedication**

VU 541

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Gloire à Dieu, notre Créateur
Gloire à Christ, notre rédempteur
Gloire à l'Esprit consolateur
Louange et gloire à Dieu, sauveur.

Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Closing hymn**

VU 634

To Abraham and Sarah

***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)

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this second 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.

Welcome and thanks to our guest worship leader this Sunday, Gordon Lambie.

We thank our volunteers

Reader: Jack Eby

Ushers: Jack Eby & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Andrew Brown (welcome back to the sexton team, Andrew!)

We offer our deepest sympathies to Rev. Samuel V. Dansokho, and the Ouattara and Dansokho families, on the sudden passing of Samuel's uncle, Paul Ouattara. We ask you keep the families in your prayers during this sad time.

Bulletin covers are donated by Ruby & Stuart Robinson in memory of Ruby's parents, Jessie & Harry MacLeod.

Happy birthday to Gordon Brown (March 17), Andrew Brown and Ben Albright (both celebrating March 21), & Joyce Hébert (March 22).

Thanks were received from the folk-dance director whose group ended over 20 years at P-T last week. He wrote: *For many*

years, I used the room at your church for folk dancing classes. It was wonderful... I wish to sincerely thank you for the many happy years I used your church.

Our minister is accompanying senior United Church staff on a trip to Southern Africa from March 16 to April 2. He offers his heartfelt thanks to all those who will lead services in his absence. Your prayers during and for his trip are appreciated!

In the case of a pastoral emergency, contact Rev. Linda Buchanan, via email at revlindabuchanan@gmail.com or by telephone at 819-565-8449.

This week

Tuesday, March 19: The UCW meets at Thelma's at 7 p.m.

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, March 24, Third in Lent

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

A bilingual service at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school, followed by our monthly Mission & Service luncheon celebrating March birthdays and anniversaries;

Un culte bilingue à 10 h 30, avec école du dimanche, suivi par un repas Mission & Service

Guest worship leader: Allan Marshall

Upcoming

Youth Forum: 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

Monday, March 18: Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society invites you to attend their Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m. at Uplands, 9 Speid, Borough of Lennoxville. Our student intern, Jazmine Aldrich, will speak about her project to help LAHMS acquire more pre-1980 photos for the Archives. Information: 819-564-0409.

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m. The Lennoxville Library’s Canada Reads (and So Does Lennoxville) “One Book to Move You” Foreshadow Event. Amédée Beaudoin Community Centre (10 Samuel Grantham, Lennoxville). Five Canadian books, five presenters. Come out and vote for your favourite. Door prizes, light refreshments. Find out more at www.BiblioLennoxvilleLibrary.ca .

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.

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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