

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

Sunday, March 31, 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 (responsive)**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,

**For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,

**For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,

**For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power. O Come, let us worship the Lord!**

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\* 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



## **Anthem**

How Shall I Sing that Majesty? (Austen Lovelace, b. 1919)

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

(NT 78)

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

**Message :** Finding the lost

## **Personal reflection**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 375**

Spirit, spirit of gentleness

## **Minute for mission**

## **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 333

Love divine, all loves excelling

**\*Closing Prayer**

**\*Benediction**

MV 209

Go make a difference. We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

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**Postlude**

O Gott Du Frommer Gott (O God, Praiseworthy God)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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# Announcements

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

**A warm welcome** to our guest worship leader this Sunday, Recognised Lay Worship Leader Tracey Badger.

**We thank our volunteers**

**Reader:** Allan Marshall

**Ushers:** Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

**Sexton:** Robert Stratton

**Happy birthday** to Shanna Bernier (March 31).

**Congratulations** to newly published author Professor Dr. Jack Eby, whose weighty tome is titled *Francois Giroust (1737-1799): Composer for Church, King and Commune*.

**Our minister** returns April 3. **In the case of a pastoral emergency** until then, please contact Rev. Linda Buchanan, via email at RevLindaBuchanan@gmail.com or by telephone at 819-565-8449.

Today: After worship there will be a special meeting of the Church Board to hear and vote on our fire safety system and give a mandate to the treasurer.

**Cyclone Idai relief:** Cyclone Idai which swept through Southern Africa, left terrible disaster in its wake. Severe flooding and devastation has affected an estimated 2.6 million people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The United Church of Canada has donated an initial \$20,000 to partners in the region and encourages us to contribute to further emergency efforts. We can write **cheques to P-T**, marked Cyclone relief, or **Online** via the UCC's secure donation page or by **Phone** 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 with credit card.

### This week

**Tuesday, April 2:** Worship Team meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour

### **Thursday, April 4:**

Lunch at Moisson Estrie: a group from Education & Outreach welcomes others to join them at 520, 10th Avenue S., at 11:45 for the new lunch service offered by the local food bank in its new location: \$7 for a 3-course meal + tea/coffee. Talk to Inge, Lois, Val or Vivienne if you want more detail or can join us.

Pastoral Care Team meets at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour

### Next week / Semaine prochaine

#### **Sunday, April 7, Fifth in Lent**

**Lectionary readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

English-language service at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

### 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>

**Good Friday, April 19:** Plymouth-Trinity hosts the ecumenical service at 10:30 a.m., welcoming members of Lennoxville United, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and others!

**Easter Sunday, April 21:** Bilingual worship service with Holy Communion.

**Dimanche de Pâques, 21 avril :** culte bilingue à 10h30, avec Sainte Cène.

**The next Messy Church,** for kids and grownups alike, is at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at Lennoxville United (corner Church and Queen).

## United Church of Canada

**Let's go camping! Venez faire du camping!** United Spirit Camp is a one week volunteer-led camp for children and youth and it is one of the ministries of Nakonha:ka Regional Council. Our theme this summer is "Radical Welcome" and we cannot wait to meet you!

The United Spirit Camp is looking for campers and youth over 16 to be counsellors at this one-week-long sleepaway camp (you will receive an honorarium).

Campers, there are limited spots, so register soon! Camp costs \$375 for the week and we have funding available for "camperships." Website: [sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home](https://sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home) , or find us on FaceBook.

**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](http://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. Find out more online at [www.moissonestrie.com/?s=club+des+nouilles](http://www.moissonestrie.com/?s=club+des+nouilles)

## Community

**Educating for Justice:** Champlain College International Studies Annual Symposium, Tuesday, April 2, 8:45-3:30, Centennial Theatre Foyer at Bishop's University.

**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.