

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

Sunday, April 7, 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 30

Hail to God's own anointed

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 344

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Prayer for illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 43:16-21

(OT 672)

Psalm 126 (refrain 2)

(VU p 850)

Philippians 3:4b-14

(NT 198)

John 12:1-8

(NT 106)

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

Anthem

Just as I am

(K. Lee Scott, b. 1950)

Message : Pressing on toward the goal

Personal reflection

***Hymn**

VU 670

Precious Lord, take my hand

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 510

We have this ministry

***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

Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this fifth 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 back to Samuel, who spent two weeks accompanying senior United Church staff on a trip to southern Africa, Angola more particularly. And on his behalf, a heartfelt thank you to all who helped during his absence, especially the Rev. Linda Buchanan and the worship leaders: Gordon Lambie, Allan Marshall and Tracey Badger.

Samuel will report on his trip soon.

We thank our volunteers

Reader: Kristi Roht

Ushers: Inge Lunkenbein & Val Rawlings

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Happy birthday to Sasa Cloutier-Young (April 8) and happy anniversary to Carolyn & Réal Bureau (also April 8).

Easter flowers: If you would like to donate towards spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter season, please speak to Kristi Roht, call her at 819-566-6296 or email kristiroht@gmail.com. Please let Kristi know if you wish to have your name printed in the bulletin, along with the person or people in whose memory the flowers are given.

This week

Tuesday, April 9: The UCW will meet at Thelma's at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10: Worship Team meets at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.

Thursday, April 11: Reach Out brunch at 11:30 a.m. at Coco Frutti, at the Centre Belvedere shopping centre (aka Le Centre Sherbrooke).

Friday, April 12 to 14: Youth Forum in Magog. Contact Shanna Bernier to save a spot! Or check out the Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/YouthForum-April2019>

Next week / Semaine prochaine

Sunday, April 14, Palm / Passion Sunday

Lectionary readings:

Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Luke 19:41-4, 22:1-38

English worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 19, Good Friday

Lectionary readings:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; John 18:1-19:42

Ecumenical service at 10:30 a.m. at Plymouth-Trinity

Upcoming

Easter Sunday, April 21: *He is risen!* Bilingual worship, with Holy Communion, at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 26: Messy Church, for all ages. Come share food, fun and friendship as we learn about God's love for all God's children. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Lennoxville United, corner Queen and Church in Lennoxville.

United Church of Canada

The House of Commons passed the amendments to The United Church of Canada Act on April 2, 2019, by unanimous consent. (It had already been passed by the Senate, and now awaits Royal Assent.) Bill S-1003 contained our requested amendments to the church's governing structure.

The amendments replaced the two middle courts of the church, Conference and presbytery, with a regional council model, made up of staff and volunteers to oversee ministers and pastoral charges (now called communities of faith). The Denominational Council is now the legal title for the General Council; however, we will continue to use the familiar name General Council. General Council has new financial responsibilities and will maintain the church's broader relationships across the denomination—relationships with other faith groups and partners in Canada & around the world.

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

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.

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

The annual Garage Sale to benefit the Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Project will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bishop's University W.B. Scott arena (old arena). **Donations of items** in good condition will be gratefully accepted from Monday, April 8 to Friday, May 3 (last day for donations) and can be dropped off at the W.B. Scott lobby from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (including Saturday and Sunday). Please note we cannot accept tires, mattresses, TVs or very old computer monitors.

Income taxes: The deadline is coming.... 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 at 819-346-7009.

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