

Conseil régional Nakhonhaka Regional Council  
Plymouth-Trinity United Church  
Order of Worship

Sunday, May 19, 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**

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen KwenKhos. Siyahamb'  
ekukhanyen KwenKhos (2x)

Siyahamba, Siyahamba, Siyahamb'ekukhanyen kwenkos. (2x)  
We are marching in the light of God. We are marching  
in the light of God (2x)

We are marching, we are marching. We are marching  
in the light of God. (2x)

Nous marchons à la lumière de Dieu. Nous marchons  
à la lumière de Dieu (2x)

Nous marchons, nous marchons. Nous marchons  
à la lumière de Dieu! (2x)

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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

## **\*Opening Prayer**

### **\*Opening hymn**

**VU 245**

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

## **Children's time**

### **\*Affirmation of faith**

#### **\*Hymn**

(fr 1, 2, 3, 4)

**VU 217**

Vous créatures du Seigneur

## **Prayer for illumination**

### **Scriptures**

Acts 11:1-18

(NT 130)

Psalm 148

(VU p 870)

Revelation 21:1-6

(NT 259)

John 13:31-35

(NT 108)

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

### **Anthem**

The gift of love

(Hal Hopson, b 1933)

**Message** : Who are we to hinder God?

## **Personal reflection**

### **\*Hymn**

**VU 713**

I see a new heaven

## **Minute for Mission**

## **Offering**

### **\*Response**

**MV 57**

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,  
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles, je chanterai ton nom.  
Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon cœur,  
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie, alléluia!

I'll praise Eternal God with all my heart,  
and I will recount your marvelous works and glorify your name.  
I'll praise Eternal God with all my heart.  
I'll make you, Lord, the subject of my joy. Alleluia!

## **Announcements and Sharing in the life of the community**

### **Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn**

**VU 678**

For the healing of the nations

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Response**

**VU 431**

Asithi: Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa. (2x)  
Asithi : Amen, Baba, amen, Baba,  
amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.

Sing amen : Amen, we praise your name, O God. (2x)  
Sing amen: Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen,  
we praise your name, O God.

## **Postlude**



# Announcements

**Welcome to all** who are worshipping here today. On this fifth Sunday of Easter, Jesus is telling us, "As I loved you, you also should love one another."

**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:** Kristi Roht

**Ushers:** Val Rawlings & a friend

**Sexton:** Dave Fowlis

**Our bulletin covers** today are sponsored by Inge Lunkenbein in memory of Bob Steele, and by the Elkas Atto family in memory of Ruth Atto who died May 19, 2016.

**Lenten share calendars:** All remaining donations to *Mon Shack* can now be given to the treasurer or placed on the collection plate.

**Products for L'Escale:** if you forgot your donation for the women's shelter L'Escale on Tuesday night, please bring them to the church by Sunday, June 2 and give them to Janet or Inge. Items collected will be delivered in June.

**Future of the congregation** / St Francis United Church of Canada Cluster news: The Steering Committee met on May 1. There is representation from Magog, Ayer's Cliff, Georgeville, Richmond-Melbourne, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, United Eaton Valley and the former United Steeples (Stanstead). The goal is

to create a structure, including ministers, lay workers and youth workers, to service the whole area, to ensure that as we look into the future we can ensure The United Church of Canada is present and available for young and old across the region.

Current initiatives include discussing services to our seniors, putting in place the technology required to provide remote worship, planning for Messy Church in more communities of faith, helping financially with the United Spirit Camp and implementing a communication process managed by an administrative assistant.

Shortly, the Boards/Councils of each Community of Faith of the area will receive a letter giving information and asking for feedback.

The work of the Steering Committee is facilitated by Bob Richards from EDGE and this initiative is made possible by a legacy from United Steeples (Stanstead) of \$600,000.

Questions and suggestions can be directed to Ann Fowlis

### This week

**Tuesday, May 21:** The Church Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Please advise Janet McBurney by 6 p.m. on Sunday the 19th if you wish to have time on the agenda.

**Thursday, May 23:** Reach Out luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at *Au Vieux Duluth* on Portland, across from the Carrefour de l'Estrie

**Saturday, May 25:** Our minister and several lay people will attend the inaugural gathering in St. Lambert of our newly named Nakonha:ka Regional Council. It will be a day to honour our past, celebrate our new beginnings as a region and share visions and dreams for the future.

## Next week / Semaine prochaine

### **Sunday, May 26, Sixth of Easter and Ascension Sunday**

#### **Lectionary readings:**

Luke 24:44-53; Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11

Worship at 10:30 a.m., where we will welcome the Right Rev.

Richard Bott, Moderator of The United Church of Canada as guest preacher. (There will be Sunday school.) Rt. Rev. Bott will stay for our monthly by-donation Mission & Service luncheon and a brief question/answer period. In order to help us prepare for the luncheon, an RSVP by noon on May 21st would be greatly appreciated. Please reply to the church office at [plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthtrinitychurch@gmail.com) or 819-346-6373.

We will also welcome flautist Douglas Nadler, courtesy of the Fred Sangster Fund.

## United Church of Canada

**Bursaries for students:** Three bursaries are currently available through the Finance and Extension Board of Nakonha:ka Regional Council for students in post-secondary and university programs, with preference for those attending Canadian institutions. Deadline for application is June 7.

Download memo: <http://bit.ly/2019-Bursary-memo>

Download guidelines: <http://bit.ly/2019-Bursary-guidelines>

Download application form: <http://bit.ly/2019-Bursary-application>

**Let's go 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. The United Spirit Camp is looking for campers and youth over 16 to be counselors at this one-week-long sleepaway camp. Our theme this summer is "Radical Welcome" and we cannot wait to meet you!

There are limited spots, so register soon! Camp costs 375\$ for the week and we have funding available for "camperships."

Talk to Shanna Bernier for details, or visit

[sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home](https://sites.google.com/view/campunitedspirit/home) or

[www.facebook.com/United-Spirit-Camp-Esprit-Uni-161252004524615/](http://www.facebook.com/United-Spirit-Camp-Esprit-Uni-161252004524615/)

## Outreach

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

In Sherbrooke alone, hunger touches thousands of people. The local food bank, with its dozens of employees and 260 volunteers, works hard to alleviate this situation by collecting donations of food and transforming and redistributing them. In doing so they get the maximum out of every donation and reduce food waste. A small team but great achievements!

## Community

**Relay for Life:** Since 2004, Janet McBurney has been participating in the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life – and this year's event will be June 14th. This is our chance to help create a world where no one fears cancer -- and have a great time doing it! Tax receipts are available upon request for donations of \$10 or more. Candles are \$5 and personalized in honour of those battling cancer or in memory of those who lost the fight. For more info, please contact Janet at 819-578-3609 after 6 p.m. or [janetjammcb@gmail.com](mailto:janetjammcb@gmail.com) by June 2.

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