

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order Of Service

Sunday May 10, 2026

10:30 am

Prayers and songs in unison and people's responses are in **bold type**.

* Indicates to stand, if you are able.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation. May we seek reconciliation and may all live in peace and harmony on this land.

THE CHRIST CANDLE:

This candle represents the undefeated light of Christ. May its light shine for us and through us to brighten the world.
May we always walk in this holy light.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

In lighting this rainbow candle we proclaim that all people are worthy of dignity, safety and a place at the table.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING SONG MV 62 "There Is Room for All"
*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock
in whom I trust." There is room for all,
there is room for all! (2x)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The family of faith has gathered for worship:
old and young, healthy and ill,
married, single, married again, single again,
living with others, living alone --
here together in this place
of welcome and friendship.

**We have come at Christ's own invitation
to share life with each other,
to praise and worship,
to grow in faith and love.**

***HYMN VU 395** "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, the psalmists sing
of the shelter of your wings.
They sing of a safe place in a dangerous world.
They sing of your loving presence.
We come now to see if the song is true.
We come now to seek your shelter,
your presence, your safety.
Open your arms, O God, and gather us in.
We pray in the name of Jesus
who showed us how wide is your embrace.
Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: The House we Build for the Lord : Althouse

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, on whose mercy we always rely,
we come to you on this Family Sunday
to confess that those closest to us
are often the people we hurt most.
We take them for granted;
we expect them to understand, regardless;
we speak to them carelessly or not at all;
we freight them with impossible expectations;
we treat them as extensions of ourselves;
God, forgive us and help us
find the grace to forgive one another.
Help us learn to live together
in mutual care and respect
so that the ties of love may be strong and true.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON:

***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God is sheer mercy and grace;
not easily angered, rich in love.
God does not treat us as our sins deserve,
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.
As high as heaven is over the earth,
so strong is God's love for us.
As far as sunrise is from sunset,
so far are our sins removed from us.
(Based on Psalm 103)
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

A STORY: Shiphrah and Puah, Jochabed and Miriam, and a Princess of Egypt (Exodus 1:1-21; 2:1-10)

A PSALM OF GRACE IN UNEXPECTED PLACES –

Led by Heather Diamond:

Goodness and kindness and grace reside
in unexpected places.

**Surely there is one who dares resist
the stereotypes that prevail.**

Justice and peace will have a chance
in the chaotic courts of power.

**Surely there is one who holds on to hope
when it seems about to fail.**

Seeds sprout and sometimes flower
in the wilderness of destruction.

**Surely there is one who thrives
though unsupported and alone.**

Breasts burst with unused milk
in a world that is weak from famine.

**Surely there is one who will feed
just one other child besides her own.**

The homeless huddle in doorways
that lead to nowhere, nothing, no one.

**Surely there is one who will make
the ones around her feel at home.**

Authority thinks it knows it all
by divine right of succession.

**Surely there is one who will one day
call an end to such oppression.**

There are many of us who feel
we are afloat on troubled waters.

**Survival may depend on
the ingenuity of our children.**

A STORY: Ruth and Naomi (The Book of Ruth)

A PSALM FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE – Led by
Doreen Bird-Daley:

We are ordinary people.

Does God have a blessing for us?

We are not risk takers,
we who make up the majority
of the community of believers.

We are simply ourselves,
ordinary people
living ordinary lives.

We are not in the headlines
or the deadlines
or the front lines of the big parade,
but rather we prefer the ordinary
conviviality of family.

We are ordinary people.

Does God have a blessing for us?

You will not find us
in the glare of demand and expectation,
although some worlds depend on us,
knowing we will come through.

You will not see us seeking applause
except from those who love us,
for we are content
with doing our bit and our best
in our own milieu.

We are ordinary people.

Does God have a blessing for us?

We are in the background,
nuance and highlight,
the Spirit of God among us.

We are the backbone,
we are the structure
supporting the goodness around us.

Remember us, God. We are ordinary people.

Bless our ordinary lives.

A STORY: Jesus and His Family
(St. Mark 3: 19b-21; 31-35; St. John 19: 25b-27)

A PSALM ABOUT RAISING CHILDREN – Lead by
June Ives:

What mother wouldn't hope to have her son
grow up to be president of a university?
What father wouldn't hope to have his daughter
become leader of the nation.

**What part of us is handed on
to future generations
through our children who,
surprisingly, exceed our expectations?**

Can we hope that our convictions,
our faith, our dedication
will somehow, some way,
be picked up and continued
by our children who never seem
to hear a word we say?

**Who of us really raises children?
We raise our hopes, raise our voices,
raise the roof, and even raise some vegetables
so we can stock the shelves.**

**Yes, we can raise a lot of things,
but our children raise themselves.**

It takes a certain strength
to stand by silently, supportively,
as children make their own mistakes.
It takes strength to let our children make their choices.

**Thank God
who is still willing to entrust to us
the parenting of Her children.**

**Thank God
who will guide us in the proper way
of parenting His children.**

**Dear Mother God, strengthen us to be
confident and discerning.**

**Dear Father God, gentle us,
and remember we are learning.**

***HYMN MV 178** "Who Is My Mother"

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN MV 188** "I Thank You, Thank You,
Jesus"

*I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart. (2X)
Asante sana Yesu, asante sana Yesu,
asante sana Yesu, moyoni. (2X)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Gracious and Gift-Giving God,
we give you thanks and praise
for each of these gifts
and for the spirit in which they were given.
Bless them and multiply them
that they may bring your light
more fully into the lives of others
seeking their place in the one household of your
love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN 226** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Tune Dix
VU 81)

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN MV 212** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

*Sent out in Jesus' name,
our hands are ready now
to make the world a place
in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, justice and peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.*

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson

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Announcements

Trinity-Clifton Vision Statement: *We are a joyful, welcoming, inclusive Christ-centered community of faith, reaching out to others, providing a safe space where we respect differences. We learn from the past and dare to change.*

This bulletin is in loving memory of Walter, Marion and Gerrie Auld from the Family.

Jennie Perry turned 100 years of age on May 5th.

Congratulations to Linda and Reagh Sherren who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 15th.

Trinity Library Display

You are invited to drop by a library display today at Coffee and Conversation. Today's display focuses on some of the Biblical Fiction found in our library. A sub-genre of Historical Fiction, Biblical Fiction blends research with imaginative storytelling. Authors use devices such as, telling the story from a particular or different character's point of view, adding a character, or expanding an event. For example, in *The Red Tent*, the author tells the story from the point of view of Jacob's daughter, Dinah, who focuses on the lives of women in the story. In *The Book of Longings*, the author adds a new character, Ana, who longs to become a writer at a time when women are being silenced. The Biblical Fiction section of our library contains some fascinating and inspiring reads. Do drop by and check them out.

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday May 12th. All are welcome.

Men's Club meeting is on Wednesday May 13th at 11:00 in the Parlour.

The next Outreach and Service Committee meeting is Wednesday, May 13th at 5:15 pm in the Parlour. Anyone is welcome to join us! We have specific events and projects that we always need help with.

Camp Abegweit Dates to Remember - Fundraising Spaghetti Supper will be held on Saturday, May 23rd from 5 to 7. Annual Open House will be held on Sunday, June 21st from 2 to 4.

Trinity's annual plant sale will be held on Saturday May 23rd from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. It is a little early to split your plants, but you can look around your property to see which plants you may want to reduce and donate to the plant sale. Also, again this year we will have the tool table, so if you have some tools you no longer need, please consider putting them in the plant sale. We can come and pick up your plants and tools; just call the office and we will make arrangements.

SPUC Presents Praise B in a free concert

Spring Park United Church is pleased to introduce its new worship group Praise B in a free concert! Come and enjoy some of your favourite gospel and pop tunes. All are welcome! Sunday, May 24th at 2 p.m. For more information, please contact Spring Park United Church at 902-368-1822.

Take-Out Lobster Supper – Happening at Park Royal United Church on Wednesday, May 27th with takeout between 4:00-5:30 PM. Price is \$30. Lobster is shelled, so no mess, no fuss - maybe a get-together with neighbors for a nice meal and no cleanup! Meal also includes potato salad, coleslaw, fresh roll and decadent dessert. Tickets are available now by calling 902-894-9656 or through Eventbrite.

Trinity 's Take-Out Lobster Supper is on Saturday June 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Meal includes lobster, potato salad, jelly salad, coleslaw, roll, and home-made pie for dessert. Tickets are \$35 each. Call or email the office.

Thanks to a grant from the Canada's Summer Jobs Program,

Trinity United Church will be advertising soon to hire a youth (age 18-30) this summer. The funding is for 35 hours a week for eight weeks starting June 29th. The primary focus will be as a guide for tourists who come to visit this historic church sanctuary when it's open for viewing, but this is also a resource to help with church activities and programs. This position will be advertised through an open job site. This advance notice is for youth who are familiar with this church community. For more information, contact Emily Bryant or the Co-Chairs of Council or call the church office for a copy of the job description.

Trinity Clifton UCW Reception Policy (proposed revision, April 2026)

UCW will continue to provide receptions for Trinity Clifton members/adherents and families. This includes funeral receptions as well as others, such as birthdays and anniversaries.

A price list has been created to cover the costs of the following options:

- a. Sandwiches and Beverage (Tea, Coffee, and Juice) - \$6 per person
- b. Sweets and Beverage (Tea, Coffee, and Juice) - \$6 per person
- c. Sandwiches, Sweets, and Beverage (Tea, Coffee, and Juice) - \$9 per person
- d. The family also has the option of ordering sandwiches and sweets from a local licensed food establishment (such as Buns and Things, Sobeys, Superstore), paying the provider directly, and having the food delivered to Trinity Church. Trinity UCW will set up, provide, and serve beverages, plate and replenish the food, and clean up at a cost of \$125.

If you are a frequent visitor to Trinity-Clifton and are not set up on PAR or do not have envelopes, we suggest you contact the office (902-892-4114) to be set up so you can take advantage of any tax benefit by receiving a Charitable Tax Receipt for your donations.

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number from a land line to a cell phone, please advise the church office so we can update our records.

If you are celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary soon, please contact the office.

Gift cards for the retailers listed below are available for purchase every Sunday after church, as well as every weekday at the church office. The proceeds go towards the work and cost of our programs and building needs. If there is a gift card that is not listed, please let us know and we will look into adding it to our gift card list.

Amazon	Indigo	Sobeys
Best Buy	Irving	Staples
Boston Pizza	KFC	Starbucks
Canadian Tire	Kent	Subway
Children's Place	M & M's	Superstore
Cineplex	Marks	Swiss Chalet
Dollarama	McDonald's	Tim Hortons
Esso	Old Navy	Ultramar
Giant Tiger	PetroCanada	Wal-Mart
Home Depot	Shell	Wendy's
Home Hardware	Shoppers DM	Winners

Greeters for the month of May: Bruce Fitchett, Anne Love, Graeme Linkletter, Carol Chandler

Scripture Readings for Sunday May 17, 2026:

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11