

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Order Of Service

Sunday May 17, 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 simple act of gathering here is pastoral care...
God is my shepherd, I shall not want.
When we greet each other with an honest "How
are you doing?" that is also pastoral care...
God restores our souls.
When we hear the reassurance of forgiveness...
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
The truth is that pastoral care is God's care...
We are the presence of God for each other.
We are the hearts that offer this care in God's name.
May we be cared for in this time of worship and
may we learn more of what it means to be the
Body of Christ to each other and everyone we meet.
Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN VU 327** – "All Praise to Thee"

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, the stories and traditions
handed down to us about Jesus
tell us 40 days after his resurrection,
he ascended to heaven.
In the absence of his physical presence
here on Earth, he promised to send a helper,
a comforter.
God, as we gather today
to remember him and celebrate his teachings
let us remember we too are called to be
helpers for each other.
And comforters for those who suffer.**

**God, among the many gifts you gave us
is our ability to invoke your power and love
simply by being together.
May the warmth of community we feel today give us
strength to show love and compassion to those we
encounter outside of these walls.
In the name of Jesus the Christ,
we worship you. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Psalm 150 - Harper

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, in the late morning of a brightening
season we have come to sing and share and
pray our gratitude and our joy, our hope and
our excitement, our mindfulness and our peace.
We have also come with baggage: things we
couldn't leave behind, but wish we could;
things we wish we could have brought, but couldn't;
feelings that are separating us from
our own spirits and the spirit we find in this
place; thoughts of what we could be doing
instead; wonderings if this time will be up to
the promise that is made.
Free us from this baggage, oh God.
Let it fall away that we may come into your
presence without the weight of care, guilt,
reluctance, and regret. Let us be open to the
power of your challenge and the grace of your
care as we rest and reflect in this silence.
(a time of silent prayer)
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

KRYIE ELESON:

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Do not seek the living Lord among the dead,
but be transformed by the power of the
Holy Spirit, so that you will recognize him
when he invited you by name and respond
in devotion with lives that bear his call.
The peace of Christ is with you.
And also with you.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:6-14

Reader: Melanie Walsh Fraser
The word of God.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 68 VU 787**

GOSPEL: St. John 17:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Keep Pedalling

***HYMN VU 117** – “Jesus Christ Is Waiting”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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:

Generous God, we have brought these offerings for the work of your church, here and in other places.

We bring also our desire to be your people in word and deed.

We ask your blessing on all our offerings: time, talent, and treasures.

May our offering be a blessing to others and to us. We offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN VU 642-** "Be Thou My Vision"

***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

Guest Minister: Dave Atkinson

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson

Music Director: Donald Fraser

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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.*

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday May 19th. All are welcome.

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.

Food Safety Course For Trinity Volunteers: Last Chance

Time is running out. The last course to be available to us this season will be held on Wednesday morning, May 27 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Prince Street in Charlottetown. This course is provided free of charge. Pre-Registration is required at least 24 hours before the course date. To register online go to Government of PEI, then to Volunteer Food Safety, and follow the instructions there. If you do not have computer access and wish to register, please leave your name with Wendy in the office. Attendance is strongly recommended for our volunteers.

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.

Zion Presbyterian's spring sale will run from 9am to 1pm, Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th. Shoppers will find a large selection of adult and children's clothing. There will also be a book sale, bake sale, cafe and BBQ.

Here's to Song with Abegweit Chamber Singers

The 25 voice Abegweit Chamber Singers will be presenting its first ever concert programme at Summerside Presbyterian Church on Fri., May 29th at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, on Sun., May 31st at 3:00 p.m. The group was formed in February of this year with the aim of bringing singers from various Island communities together, to foster unity and peace through song. The choir is under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, with pianist Ellen Davis. The programme is a celebration of our country and its people. Included are folksong arrangements from the east to the west coasts. The instrumental quartet, TSSK, will be performing, and special guest is PEI composer, Dr. Terry Pratt. Admission is by donation.

Palestine Land Exercise - Sat. May 30th from 1-3 pm at Hillcrest United Church, 50 Wood Islands Rd, Montague. It didn't start on October 7, 2023. Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict? The Palestine Land Exercise (PLE) is an interactive presentation that walks participants through key historical events in the region since the late 19th century. Guided by a four-member volunteer team, this 50-minute immersive experience is followed by an Indigenous-style talking circle, offering space for reflection and discussion on steps towards peace. This workshop is open to all interested in participating. To register, please contact the Hillcrest church office by Monday, May 25 at (902) 838-2698 or mgr_hillcrest@outlook.com

FEAST of MUSIC concert, 7 pm, Sunday, May 31st at Hillcrest United Church, Montague featuring our Senior and Youth Choirs and the Sibbick Family Singers directed by Anne White, A Joyful Sound Community Choir with director Christie Beck. Our accompanists are Sara White and Elizabeth Wisnicki with flute playing by Mary MacLean. There will be hymn singing and a delicious meal to follow. Admission by donation. All are most welcome!

West River United Church Annual Lobster Take Out Dinner - June 6, 2026. Tickets are now available - \$30 Gluten free items available upon request. Please contact the church office to purchase your ticket - 902-566-4052.

Rural Routes Through the Holy Annual Event - June 11th - 13th
Have you heard of RRTH? It's a three-day gathering held annually for those in rural faith communities. Rooted in the United Church, it is ecumenical in its participation. It aims to grow and nurture a network and community of folks in rural churches and communities in the Maritimes; to encourage our voices as people with questions and gifts that are vital for telling the life of Christ in the world. We've been gathering since 2019 and over half our participants return year after year. There are various speakers to spark our imagination; some from people just like you who love something their faith community is doing and want to share their experience. We share worship, good food, conversation, resources, and quiet spaces for prayer practice or to walk the labyrinth. You can learn more at ruralroutesthroughtheholycanada.ca This year we will be gathering at Central Queens United Church in Hunter River, right here on PEI! Our theme is Tales, Tables, and Tending: the Slow Work of God in a Fast World. We'll gather for tea/coffee and muffins at 9:30. Our welcome and worship begin at 10:00. You can learn more and register at ruralroutesthroughtheholycanada.ca/rural-routes-through-the-holy-registration/. If you have questions, contact ruralroutesatlantic@gmail.com.

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 hiring 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 is advertised at canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs. For more information, contact the Co-Chairs of Council or call the church office for a copy of the job description. Applications may be emailed to trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com until May 29th.

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.

Hospital Visits

If you have a family member from Trinity-Clifton in hospital, please notify the church office. Rev. John Moses visits the hospital weekly and would appreciate knowing this information.

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

Have you 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.

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday May 24, 2026:

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39