

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Order Of Service

Sunday May 3, 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:

We live in an age of multiple choice.

Many paths are open to us.

The wisdom of the moment says that one path is
as good another. Who's to judge?

**Many times, all these choices leave us con-
fused, unable to commit to anything.**

Today, we are called to follow the Jesus path,
to learn from him, to serve as he served,
to love as he loved.

**We come seeking the path of life,
abundant and eternal.**

***HYMN VU 334** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, gathering here marks us
as rather odd people in this year 2026.
We know that we are very much
in a minority situation.
Our neighbours, our friends, our families,
all go about their business untroubled
by any sense of obligation to come
to this or any other place of worship.
To be honest, we sometimes ask why we are here.
And yet, there is something that
keeps us coming back—habit perhaps,
or maybe a sense, however fleeting,
of a reality greater than ourselves,
of a wisdom beyond our wisdom,**

**of a truth beautiful enough to claim
our devotion and shape our being,
a promise unfulfilled but ever shining
against the world's darkness.
God, we are here. Come to us now
and gather us in. Let us see your glory.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
your Anointed One. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Ose Shalom - Leavitt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**It may be true, God, that you never
tire of hearing our confession and pleas
for forgiveness but we certainly get tired
of offering them, of going through the
same ritual week after week, saying words
that someone else has written for us.
If we had any intention of changing
for the better, wouldn't we
have done it long since?
This is how we think and what we say
when we forget who we are—
broken cisterns always in need
of a new infusion of grace,
parched souls longing for
lost Eden's morning dew,
hungry souls famished
for the bread of heaven.
Merciful God, hear our confessions
and our pleas yet again.
From the depths of your untiring love,
forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Saviour. Amen.**

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

The act of confession is not so much about
what we are as what God does for us.
God seeks us out when we are lost;
heals us when we are broken
and sets our wandering hearts
on the path of life.

Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ACTS 7: 55-60 Reader: Barbara Stewart
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 31 VU p.758**

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2:2-10 Reader: Barbara Stewart
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. John 14:1-14
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Following the Jesus Way

***HYMN VU 628** "Come, My Way, My Truth"

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:

**We give you thanks, God,
that, however, much we may be
feeling the inflationary pinch of these times,
we still have the means to share
in your work through our giving.
Bless the gifts; bless the givers.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN VU 595** "We Are Pilgrims"

***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, of justice and of 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
Music Director: Donald Fraser
Office Administrator: Wendy Maxwell
Custodian: Andy Gagnon
Sunday Custodian: Seamus Murphy
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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.*

UCW is meeting tomorrow, Monday May 4th, at 1:30 pm in the Parlour. The guest speaker is Emily Bryant.

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday May 5th. All are welcome.

Camp Abegweit- Dates to Remember - Open Up Day will be May 9th starting at 9:00 am. 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.

"A Decade of Harmony" - Forte Men's Choir's 10th anniversary Mothers Day concert. Margot Rejskind conducts favourites from ten years of hearty men's singing. Sunday, May 10th, 2:30 pm at the Kirk of St. James. Admission: \$15 (cash) at the door. Information: www.facebook.com/FORTEPEI; islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778.

The Kirk of St. James Lobster Chowder Take-Out

Pick-up on Saturday, May 9th from 10:30 am to noon. Each meal features a chowder bursting with lobster, scallops, shrimp, salmon, haddock and mussels, enveloped in a lobster flavoured cream broth, including skin-on potatoes, carrots, celery and leeks. Accompanied by a tea biscuit and a slice of deluxe raisin carrot cake with cream cheese icing. Limited gluten-free and lactose-free options available. Chowder is ready to re-heat and serve. Can be safely refrigerated for 48 hours.

12 oz chowder, biscuit and cake \$30.00

26 oz chowder, 2 biscuits & 2 slices of cake \$57.00

Order online: www.KirkChowder2026.fundraiser.support or order through the Kirk office at (902) 892-2839. Order today and enjoy the Kirk's delicious new Mother's Day tradition!

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 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.

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.

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

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.

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday May 10, 2026:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Camp Abegweit Most Needed Items Summer 2026

We will happily make arrangements to have your generous donations picked up!
Please e-mail Sharon at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca or text 902-432-9193 Or Alex at alexcorbett@campabby.ca

Food Supplies

cake mixes and icing	ketchup
mustard	relish
cereal	pancake mix and syrup
chocolate chips	peanut butter and wow butter
coffee (for coffee maker)	popcorn (microwave)
flour (all purpose)	ranch & Caesar salad dressing
freezies – small (20 ml)	ice cream cones
jam	rice and soup crackers
juice – 2-liter containers	s'mores supplies (marshmallows, celebration cookies & graham crackers)
juice crystals	Bear Paw cookies
granola bars	spaghetti
nacho chips (large bags)	salsa
spaghetti sauce	tomato soup
rice	plain potato chips (large bags)
potatoes	napkins

During the camping weeks we are always in great need of fruit and vegetables. They can be dropped off at the camp (Mon. and Thurs. between 10 and 4) or can be picked up (see above).

Cleaning Supplies

dish soap	glass cleaner
brooms	bleach
toilet bowl cleaner	dustpans
J-cloths	sponges
buckets with handles	

Program Supplies

crayola and sharpie markers	washable paint
scissors	chart paper
masking and scotch tape	balls (basketballs, soccer, dodge)
white paper	brown paper lunch bags
bracelet making supplies (beads, thread, string)	pencils
	pens

General Supplies

Adult Tylenol & Advil	children's Tylenol & Advil
Reactine	Band aids
Gravol (children & adult)	bug repellent – children's
sunblock	alarm clocks
standing fans	personal hygiene items

Other

Gift Cards from Michaels, Sobeys, Superstore, Giant Tiger, Kays Wholesale
(to help us buy arts and crafts supplies and perishable groceries)