

## **TRINITY UNITED CHURCH**

### **Pentecost**

#### **Order Of Service**

**Sunday May 31, 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 13** "O Let the Power Fall on Me"

- 1** *O let the power fall on me, my Lord,  
let the power fall on me;  
O let the power from heaven fall on me,  
let the power fall on me.*
  
- 2** *For we want justice and truth and love,  
my Lord, we want justice and truth and love;  
for we want justice and truth and love,  
my Lord, we want justice and truth and love.  
(Sing song twice.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God is Holy Mystery,  
beyond complete knowledge,  
above perfect description.

**Yet, in love,**

**the one eternal God seeks relationship.**

So God creates the universe

**and with it the possibility of being and relating.**

God tends the universe,

**mending the broken and reconciling  
the estranged.**

God enlivens the universe,

**guiding all things to harmony  
with their Source.**

Grateful for God's loving action,

**we cannot keep from singing.**

With the Church through the ages,

we speak of God and one and triune:

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We also speak of God as

**Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer**

God, Christ, and Spirit,

**Mother, Friend, and Comforter**

Source of life, Living Word, and Bond of Love

**...the One on whom our hearts rely.**

(From *A Song of Faith*, a statement of faith for the  
United Church of Canada)

**\*HYMN VU 322 "O God, Whose First Creative Word"**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**Holy One, Holy Three,  
we are not much given  
to the contemplation of mystery  
or thinking about difficult things.  
We want what the TV commercials promise:  
simple, user friendly,  
neatly packaged for our convenience.  
Why can't you be more like that?  
Perhaps it is because life is often not simple  
or user friendly or convenient that we need  
to reach beyond ourselves to find you, God  
-- as much in the questions as in the answers  
-- as much in the tears as in the smiles,  
-- as much in the shadow as in the light.  
Holy One, Holy Three,  
be present to us this day. Amen.**

**STORY FOR ALL AGES**

**CHOIR:** Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One: Healey Willan

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**God of mercy and grace,  
we come to you carrying  
all the baggage we have accumulated  
over the past week, over the past month,  
over all the years of our lives.  
We lay before you the good intentions  
gone terribly wrong; the dreams of others  
that we have helped to crush; our own hopes  
and dreams unrealized because others  
would not or could not share them;  
all our regrets and disappointments;  
the bitterness that eats at our souls.  
God, we ask you to take all of this from us.**

**Free us from the past so that we may be  
fully alive in this present moment.  
Let the river of your mercy carry away  
all our burdens.  
We pray in the name of Jesus our Saviour.  
Amen.**

**SILENCE**

**KYRIE ELEISON:**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary  
and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you  
rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you  
will find rest for your souls." (Mtt. 11:28-28)  
**Thanks be to God.**

**WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Exodus 3:1-15 Reader: Corina Anderson  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*PSALM 8 VU p.732**

**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Reader: Corina Anderson  
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 28:16-20 Reader: Corina Anderson  
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON: Believing Impossible Things**

**\*HYMN MV 49** "When We Seek Language"

**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:**

**God, we depend on one another;  
we depend on you. Life is a team sport,  
not a solo performance.  
Because we are bound together in community,  
we offer these gifts to make a contribution,  
to help with building up and strengthening  
what we all share. Receive them in Jesus'  
name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN VU 315** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

**\*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING**

**\*DISMISSAL HYMN MV 156** "Dance with the Spirit"  
*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way. (3X)*

**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  
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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.*

**Our sincere sympathy to family of Norma Murray** on her recent passing.

**Our sympathy also goes** out to the family of Elizabeth Pippy on her recent passing.

**The Stewardship Committee** would like to advise the congregation that today, when there is a luncheon after church, they will have people available to assist with completion of their PAR Form.

**UCW lunch meeting has been POSTPONED.**

**Noon hour Bible Study** will be on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. All are welcome.

**The next Outreach and Service Committee meeting** is Wednesday, June 3 at 5:15 pm in the Parlour. Anyone is welcome to join us! We have specific events and projects with which we always need help.

**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.

**Food Bank Drive - Helping Others in Our Community**

The Outreach Committee will be focusing on the first Sunday of every month to have a Food Drive for UPEI and Holland College Students' Food Banks. We have been told that some of the most needed non-perishable items are vegetable oil, granola bars, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, cereal, peanut butter and instant noodles such as indomie or ramen. Also, donations such as fresh vegetables or potatoes when possible are greatly appreciated! The food bank's most urgent need is milk, eggs and bread, in this case a gift card from the church office would be most convenient. The next Drive takes place on June 7<sup>th</sup> but drop off a donation anytime at church service or at the office. We are very thankful for any help you can give to this program.

**Trinity's Take-Out Lobster Supper** is on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Community Picnic** will take place after church on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Featuring hot dogs, chips, ice cream, cold drinks, games, and entertainment.

**It's graduation time** and we would like to recognize the grads who have a connection to Trinity Clifton! Please let Alma know your special person's name, school and what their tie to TC is (grandchild of...). Also, send a picture to be shared on the screen. Thanks! Reach Alma at [yayamutch23@hotmail.ca](mailto:yayamutch23@hotmail.ca)

**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.

**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.

**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 June 7, 2026:**

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Hosea 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26