

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 4

Order Of Service

Sunday June 14, 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 gather 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 VU 400 “Lord, Listen to
Your Children Praying”

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, sent your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God knows the number of the stars,
and the hairs of our heads are all counted.
God knows the sparrow that falls from the sky,
and the heart that breaks.
God cheers for the flower that pushes
through the crack in the concrete,
and rejoices in the hope that rises.
God is glorified in the awesomeness of creation,
and in a simple act of kindness.
God hears the mighty song of praise,
and the silent prayer.
Let us worship God.

***HYMN VU 312** “Praise With Joy the World’s Creator”

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, we long for all the things
your biggest fans say about you to be true.
We would like to experience healing mercy
and love unshakable and unconditional.
We would like to know that our prayers
are being answered, that we are not
calling out into a vast emptiness.
Sometimes, the experience of our lives
contradicts what faithful people say
and it seems that we are being left
pretty much on our own.
If you are there,
you are not returning calls.
Still, where can we turn but to you?**

**You are the problem that perplexes us
and the possibility that beckons us onward.
You are the love that will not let us go
and the river of mercy
that bears us on its flood.
You are God.
Please, be with us now
as in doubt and faith we come to you.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR:

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Reader: Stephen Donaldson

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 36 VU p.762**

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reader; Stephen Donaldson

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GOSPEL: St. Matthew 14:13-21

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: In The Strength of That Food

***HYMN VU 227** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN** Tune: Nettleton (VU 559)

*To the Fount of ev-ry blessing
gifts of gratitude we bring;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for all our thanks and praise.
Make us ever joyful givers,
open-hearted, full of grace.
Let us show the world around us,
show them God's amazing love.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

With goodness and mercy, God,
you have sustained us
through many a journey.
With gratitude we offer these gifts
so that others may know
that they do not walk alone.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

INVITAION TO THE TABLE:

He serves real food.
For skeptics it's unexpected sustenance,
for whisky priests an embarrassment of grace,
for all of us sinners our first square.

And with it always a quick stab to the heart:
watch him rip the loaf, lift the cup,
speak his grief—his chest heaving.

He addressed them as friends.
That is what he called Judas when that
disciple betrayed him in the garden
with a kiss.

Ah, friends—they can eat your bread
and plan your undoing.
At the end of the meal when, as scripture says,
they sang a hymn, did Jesus sing too?

Yes, I think so. I think he sang the blues.

He had before:

“Oh, Jerusalem, you who stone the prophets,
how often would I have gathered you
in my arms as a hen gathers her chicks,
but you would not.”

The blues means not knowing how
to stop loving when loving hurts.

It's what makes Jesus a Billie Holiday fan—
a broken heart that keeps on singing.

And when she wailed or softly moaned
into the mike, weighed down by regrets,
trapped by life's speculative investment
in other human hearts,

could she hear him say,

“Close out your set, my beloved. Come down
from that hot stage, and join me at my table.
I've ordered a meal for you.”

—David Slater

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**For the harm we have done,
for the good we have not done,
for all in our lives that breaks your heart,
we ask your forgiveness, loving God.
Heal us, renew us, set our feet again
upon the good path, the for sake of Jesus
who gave himself for us. Amen.**

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
and the healing that makes us whole.
Thanks be to God; we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE**HYMN VU 460 “All Who Hunger”****COMMUNION PRAYER:**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Our hearts rise on the Spirit’s wings.

Let us give thanks.

All our thanks, all our praise.

God, bread baker and wine maker,

we give you thanks and praise.

You worked the world into being,

filled all creation with life,

and shaped us as your people.

In Jesus Christ,

the bread of life and the true vine,

you feed us with the Word,

and nourish our souls.

O present Spirit,

help us recognize the risen Christ

in the breaking of the bread.

Feed the world with this bread.

Bring it joy with this wine.

Give it leaven and salt in us,

a community of faith

strengthened by your food.

We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

“Our Father.....Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

In the strength of what
we have shared this day,
may we go out to love and serve you, God,
and follow faithfully in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

***HYMN VU 481** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***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

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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, June 16th. All are welcome.

The Bulletin Today is in memory of Mark Young from Lynne Ross.

Community Picnic will take place after church today after church. 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

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 June: Ann White, Anne Love, Velda Ward, Stephen Donaldson

Scripture Readings for Sunday June 21, 2026:

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 85:1-10, 16-17
 Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Psalm 69: 7-10, (11-15), 16-18
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir

The Kirk of St. James, corner of Pownal and Fitzroy Streets, is pleased to present the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 7 p.m. This talented choir is celebrated across Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. and is on tour in the Maritimes this summer. The evening's program will include spirituals, arias, folk tunes, Broadway favourites and contemporary pop, sung off book in the Welsh choir tradition. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at WelshChoir2026.auctria.events or by calling the Kirk office at 902 892 2839.