

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 10

Order of Service

Sunday August 2, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." (John 8:12)
May we be guided by the light of Christ.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

In lighting this candle we renew our commitment to affirming, by word and deed, the dignity and significance of all people.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING SONG MV 21 "Open Our Hearts"

Open our hearts, open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God. (3X)

Open our hearts. (last time)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God is a question.

**God is an answer that questions
all our questions.**

God is the centre of all things.

**God is on the margins with those
who are pushed out and pushed away.**

God is great and holy beyond all imagining.

**God is with us in the messy details
of our living.**

God is.....

Therefore, let us worship.

***OPENING HYMN VU 235 "O Worship the King"**

OPENING PRAYER:

**In ancient times, O God,
our ancestors in faith stood amazed and awed
in the midst of a creation
mostly mysterious to them.**

**They sang of your power,
saw you riding on the clouds,
rejoiced in your providential care
for all living things.**

**Life was not always good to them
but they proclaimed *your* goodness,
nonetheless.**

**Over the centuries we have discovered
a lot more about how the universe works
and we have also glimpsed a vastness
and complexity beyond the ken of the ancients.**

**So, like them, we stand amazed and awed
in the midst of a creation still mostly
mysterious to us.
We too sing of your power and care;
and we seek your goodness in a world
where life is not always good to us.
We do this in the name of Jesus the Christ
in whom you came to pitch your tent
among us. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SOLO: Gaige Waugh – Lord God of Abraham by Mendelssohn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent
and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins
and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God,
in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
Amen. (See Psalm 51)**

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God has opened our hearts
to know love and forgiveness. There is
nothing we need to do other than love one
another and love God, for all things come from
this. We have been forgiven and restored
to God.

Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 32:22-31 Reader: Andrew Moses
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17:1-7, 15 VU p.739

EPISTLE: Romans 9:1-5 Reader: Andrew Moses
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 14:13-21 Reader: Jane Moses
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Wrestling in the Dark

***HYMN VU 286** "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

OFFERTORY CALL

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 542

*We give you but your own,
what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Because we know ourselves
as those whom you have called
to share in the kingdom work
of feeding the hungry, healing the sick,
befriending the friendless, seeking justice,
we offer these gifts, O God.
Bless them and multiply them
so that miracles may be seen among us.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 641** "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 420**

"Go to the World" v.2&3

2 *Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time
and space. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

3 *Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church you follow Christ's
own way. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

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.*

Our Fall Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 4:30-5:30PM. Menu includes potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, beef, a roll and delicious cake.

Tickets are \$25. (902)892-4114

Luke Doiron, recently returned from China, where he met with young adults and will be speaking on Sunday, August 9 on his experience there.

Bottles needed for jams, jellies, and pickles. Please drop them off at the church office.

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

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.

Other Ways of Giving

Trinity Clifton has collaborated with Canada Helps with a new way to donate online. Scanning this QR code with your phone's camera will take you to our giving page. There is a button labelled CanadaHelps.org, and then it takes you to a donation page for Trinity. Enter your info and the donation is made. Tax receipts can be provided. It's a new way for those not using envelopes or PAR. Feel free to share this with visitors and friends. Thank you from all of us.



If you prefer e-transfer, please send your donation to trinitycliftonunitedchurch@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and, if you are not a member of the congregation, your mailing address so we can send you a tax receipt.

Gift cards for many retailers are available for purchase every Sunday after church beside the elevator.

Greeters for the month of August: Devon Turcotte,
Anne Love, Mark Richardson, Jean Peterson

Scripture Readings for Sunday August 9, 2026:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 15-22, 45b

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 103:1-8

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33