

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 7

Order of Service

Sunday July 12, 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:

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 376 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (2X)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The mighty one, God the Lord,

speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun to its setting:

Every wild animal of the forest is mine,

the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every lobster that crawls on the ocean floor,

the gulls gliding above the surf.

Every seed that is planted is mine,

the fields of ripening grain.

I hear the song that rises on the morning mist,

the prayers of all yearning hearts.

(Based on Psalm 50)

*HYMN MV 30 "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

OPENING PRAYER:

Awaken us, God, to your light,

open our eyes to your presence.

Awaken us, God, to your love,

open our hearts to your indwelling.

Awaken us, God, to your life,

open our minds to your abiding.

Awaken us, God, to your purpose,

open our wills to your guiding;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by David Adam in *Tides and Seasons*.)

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SOLO: Janey Lynn Perrier: "Domine Deus" by Vivaldi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of mercy unfailing,
over and over again, we hear the stories
of your extravagant grace:
how you forgive sinners and screw-ups,
how you throw good seed on rocky ground,
how you send prophets to speak of justice
to the wicked and the unjust,
how you keep on seeking those
who will answer your call,
even when it seems that no one is listening.
We hear these stories
but we do not believe them.
We hoard our seed,
waiting for a guaranteed result,
an assured return.
We dismiss your prophets as silly dreamers
or dangerous troublemakers.
We try not to hear you calling us.
What hope have we but your mercy unfailing?
God, forgive us.
Let your grace wash over us
until we are clean and new.
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

No matter what our other days have been,
this is a new day in God's sight.
We need not keep on doing
what we have always done,
failing as we have always failed.
God offers us the gift of a new beginning.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 25:19-34 Reader: Johnny Karountosz
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 119: 105-112 VU p. 840-841**

EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11 Reader: Johnny Karountosz
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Reader: Sarah Moses-Karountosz
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: What a Waste!

***HYMN 52 Songs of the Gospel** "Bringing In the Sheaves"

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN VU 541** "Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow"

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit, One.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Extravagant God,
you scatter seeds with abandon
and love even the poorest soil,
the flintiest heart.
Forgive us our prudence and our caution;
help us find the joy of your wild generosity
as we offer these our gifts,
in Jesus 'name. Amen.**

***HYMN VU 266** "Amazing Grace"

***SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 298** "When You Walk from Here"

*When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care. (2X)*

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses

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.*

Happy birthday to Evelyn Jenkins who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 10th.

Pride Parade 2026 Churches Unite – Anglican and United Churches are working together to create a float and walk together in Charlottetown's Pride Parade Sat. July 25th at 10am. Our theme is "Home" – all are welcome. You are invited to be part of joint preparations for this event or create banners within your own congregation and/or join our group at the parade.

Tues July 21st & Wed July 22nd 1:30-4pm float making at the warehouse at Vicki AllenCook 2378 Friston Road, Stanhope.

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 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 etransfer, 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 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 July: Don Scott, Stephen Donaldson, Anne Love, Carol Chandler

Scripture Readings for Sunday July 19, 2026:

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43