

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 8

Order of Service

Sunday July 19, 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 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:

We are never strangers in God's house.

We are with the One who searches us and knows us.

We are never alone in this world,

no matter where we go, no matter what happens.

Where can I go from God's spirit?

Or where can I flee from God's presence?

In highest heaven,

there is God.

In depths of hell,

there is God.

On wide ocean's farthest shore,

there is God.

In the darkest dark night,

only light.

Come, let us worship.

(Based on Psalm 139)

*OPENING HYMN VU 384 "The Lone Wild Bird"

OPENING PRAYER:

God, surrounded as we are by your presence,

some may ask why we come here at all

to this old building,

on this warm summer morning.

We could be with you on the golf course

or on the beach or sipping coffee on the deck

or sleeping late in our own little beds.

**We believe that you are everywhere
but this is holy ground, a place that invites us
to stop and pay attention,
to open our earthbound lives to eternity,
to contemplate thoughts
higher than our thoughts,
to be amazed at a love that knows us intimately
and yet, loves us unconditionally.
Thank you for this place and this time
and these people with whom we gather,
our kindred in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SOLO: Wendy Wade-Maxwell: "You Raise Me Up" - Rolf Løvland
and Brendan Graham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God of all the saints, God of all the sinners,
hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike
– holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners
– full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
Perhaps You see us simply as human
– as beloved, and flawed, and trying,
and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong
that we have done, and bless the good
we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us,
and molding us more and more into the image
of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's word of grace:
we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.
This gift we have from God.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 6:6-8 Reader: Barbara Stewart
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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EPISTLE: Ephesians 3: 13-16 Reader: Barbara Stewart
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. John 3:13-17
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Welcome Home The Rev David MacDonald

***HYMN VU 601** "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

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:

Receive our gifts, God;
bless them in the service of your kingdom;
use them to strengthen hearts until that day.
We pray in Jesus 'name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 296** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

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

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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.*

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.

Please note there has been a change of date for the construction of the Pride Parade float next week. The Tuesday, July 21st date will not take place. We are looking at Wednesday and Thursday 1:30-4:30 instead. Location is the same: Vicki's Warehouse at 2378 Friston Rd, Stanhope, PE C0A 1P0. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Pride Week is July 24-August 2

Visit <https://www.pridepei.ca/pridefest26> for more information on all the events happening throughout the week.

The Pride Parade is scheduled for 10 am on Saturday, July 25th, and we would love to see you there! You can walk, roll or get a ride on the float! The Gathering Zone location is at the Jones/Provincial Government Buildings at Terry Fox Dr. and Fitzroy St. Please meet between 9 and 9:30 am. You should find a cluster of Pride PEI volunteers on Fitzroy Street who will be able to direct or lead you to our location in the parade lineup. Some tie-dyed t-shirts will be available, or feel free to dress in lots of colour. If you have any trouble finding us on Parade day, call Devon at 902-940-3030.

The Outreach and Service Committee is hosting a Pride BBQ on the lawn immediately following the parade (approximately 11 am on July 25th). The menu is hot dogs, cold beverages and rainbow cupcakes. Free for all!

Our annual Pride Service will be on Sunday, July 26th at 10:30 am, featuring guest speaker Morgan Sandiford from PEERS Alliance.

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 26, 2026:

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11,45b or Psalm 128

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52