

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 9

Order of Service

Sunday July 26, 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" v.1

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:

Some people search for God;

some people try to avoid God;

some people have given up on God;

some people wish there was a God.

One thing is certain:

God is always waiting for us,

no matter how late we stay out,

no matter how far we roam,

no matter how deep our doubts,

God is waiting.

God's door is always open.

***OPENING HYMN MV 88** "Over My Head"

vs. 2b "When Mother Earth is Cryin'"

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy One,

no matter how long we have travelled

this road with you,

we are still trying to figure you out.

No, that's not quite right.

Honesty and humility require us to admit

that you are beyond our figuring.

What we really need is to learn

how to live with the mystery that you are

and to surrender ourselves

to your redeeming love.

**This learning is hard for us
because we are always worrying
about what we might lose in the surrendering
and we can never bring ourselves
to believe that you have enough for everyone
—enough love, enough forgiveness,
enough patience, enough anything.
Speak to us now of your extravagant grace
which counts no one out, writes no one off,
searches heaven and hell
for the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost soul.
Open wide your arms of mercy
and gathers us to yourself.
We pray in the name of Jesus
who promised us that you would. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SOLO: Testify to Love

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, on this Pride Sunday we confess
that we have often been slow and hesitant
to offer a wide and inclusive welcome.
We have been content to remain
mostly a white, straight, middle class
community of faith. We have been
reluctant to move beyond our comfort zone
to seek the understanding and build
the kinds of relationships that might
challenge and transform us.
We insulate ourselves from the pain
of those who are judged and excluded,
whose very humanity is called into question
by the loud and hateful voices of our time.
We ask for forgiveness from you, our God,
and from those whom we have wronged.
We ask for courage and determination
to do better and be better.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus who came,
not to condemn, but to save. Amen.**

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Were it not for second chances,
we would have no chance at all.
God longs for us to succeed,
to become the people Christ calls us to be.
Let us receive this good news and move on
to a new and brighter day.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 56:1-8 Reader: David Atkinson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27 VU p. 754

EPISTLE: Galatians 3:23-29 Reader: David Atkinson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Luke 10: 25-37
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MESSAGE: The Need for Meaning - Morgan Sandiford, Peers
Alliance

"Great are You, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is Your power, and of Your wisdom there is no end. And man, being a part of Your creation, desires to praise You — man, who bears about with him his mortality, the witness of his sin, even the witness that You resist the proud, — yet man, this part of Your creation, desires to praise You. You move us to delight in praising You; for You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

— St. Augustine, *Confessions*

***HYMN MV 145** "Draw the Circle Wide"

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:

Blessed by your Spirit, O God,
may the gifts we bring today
grow into something beautiful and good
for our church, for our community,
for our world. We offer them in Jesus' name.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 359** "He Came Singing Love"

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.*

This bulletin is in loving memory of Anita Young (mother) and Carol Burke (sister) from Lynn Ross.

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 August 2nd, 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.

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 August 2, 2026:

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-15

Matthew 14:13-21