

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 13

Order of Service

Sunday, August 23

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:

So, here's what I want you to do, God helping you:
Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.

Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you and, quickly, respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you and develops well-formed maturity in you. (Romans 8:1-2, Message Bible)

Blessèd be God whom we know in Jesus Christ.

***OPENING HYMN VU 506 "Take My Life and Let It Be"**

OPENING PRAYER:

God, we come to worship you in the name of Jesus Christ. We come to worship in the name of one who was born in a stable and grew up with poor parents in an impoverished village. We come to worship you in the name of one who, as an adult, had no place to lay his head. We come to worship you in the name of one who befriended outcasts and sinners and welcomed outsiders. We come to worship you in the name of one who refused to take up the sword, even to save his own life. We come to worship you in the name of one who gave himself away for the world you so love. We come to worship you in the name of the One whom death could not hold. We are still trying to live into what all of this means. God, we come to worship you. Amen.

SOLO: Ian Soloman - If with all your hearts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, you know how much we are conformed to this world. Our thoughts, our opinions, our attitudes are shaped by TV and social media, by the people with whom we have coffee at Tim's, by the prejudices we have absorbed since before the first day of kindergarten. Often, we are so well adjusted to our culture that our faith is invisible. Gather us now in the embrace of the living

**Christ. Reform us, remake us, renew us;
give us Christ-shaped lives.
In that holy 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:

Hear the good news!
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
(Rom. 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:17)
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus:1: 8-2:10 Reader: Kinsey Smith
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124 VU p.848 (Refrain 1)

EPISTLE: Romans 12:1-8 Reader:
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 16:13-20 Reader: Kinsey Smith
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Confessing Christ at the Gates of Hell

***HYMN VU 335** "At the Name of Jesus"

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:

**What can we accomplish, O God,
with the little we have
and the little we are?
Keep us mindful of
Shiphrah, Puah, Miriam, Jochabed
---and Jesus. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joan Smith

***HYMN VU 510** "We Have This Ministry"

SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 420**

"Go to the World" vs. 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

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke
and Corina Anderson

Music Director: Donald Fraser

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Custodian: Andy Gagnon

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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 condolences to the family of Adele Biso, who recently passed. The funeral service will be held at Hennessey-Cutcliffe Funeral Home on Monday August 24th at 3:00 p.m., with a visitation at 1:00 p.m.

The Charlottetown Health Drive was very successful last year and is back for a second year. For the month of **August**, they will be collecting necessary supplies, as well as goodies and treats, to deliver to QEH patients in need. Some examples of items needed are oral hygiene products: toothpaste/brushes/floss; personal hygiene: soap, body wash, shampoo/cond., tampons/pads, shaving items, nail clippers/files, deodorant, diapers/baby items. Other items: first aid supplies, tissues (Kleenex), lip balm/moisturisers/sanitizers, premoistened wipes, hairbrushes/combs/elastics. Special items for the impending seasons: socks/gloves/mitts/hats/blankets; non-perishable pantry items, unused clothing/toys/school supplies. Only unused/unopened items will be accepted. For further updates follow them along on their Facebook [TheCharlottetownHealthDrive](#).

You're invited to an afternoon with the Moderator of the United Church. The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath will be speaking on the afternoon of Friday, September 11, 2026. We will start gathering at 1:30 p.m. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and will end with a reception at 3:30 p.m. The location will be Central Queens United Church, 19848 Route 2, Hunter River. This is an open invitation, please spread the word. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bigsby at kathryn_bigsby@hotmail.com

Noon hour Bible study will begin on Tuesday, September 15. We will be continuing with the Gospel of Luke. New participants welcome.

The Men's Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Tickets \$10 each or \$15 per family.

Our Fall Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 4:30-5:30PM. Menu includes roast beef, potatoes, turnips, carrots, peas, gravy, a roll and delicious cake. Tickets are \$25. (902)892-4114

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

Sunday School Classes will be starting back up on September 13.

Anyone interested in Youth Confirmation/Membership Classes please contact Rev. John Moses at jwmoses51@gmail.com or 902-691-3288. Ages 13 and up.

Anyone interested in Adult Confirmation/Membership classes please contact Rev. John Moses at jwmoses51@gmail.com or 902-691-3288.

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. The deadline for the weekly bulletin announcements is noon, the preceding Wednesday.

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.

A big congratulations to William Danso on completing his master's degree in Island studies at UPEI.

Gift cards for many retailers are available for purchase every Sunday after church beside the elevator. A complete list can be found on the website.

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

Scripture Readings for Sunday August 30, 2026:

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28