

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
Pentecost 17 – Creation 2**

Order of Service

Sunday, September 20, 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:

In the beginning there was the Word;
the Word was in God's presence,
and the Word was God.
Through the Word all things came into being...

**In the Word was life, and that life
was humanity's light—
a Light that shines in the darkness,
a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.**
(John 1: 1, 3a, 4-5)

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

God did not create the humankind in monochrome.
There is a dazzling kaleidoscope of colours,
shapes, personalities and ways of loving,
a diversity that blesses us all.
**We light this rainbow candle as a sign
of our ongoing work to become
a welcoming and inclusive community.**

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

***GATHERING SONG MV 92 "Like a Rock"**

***Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in
God evermore. (3X)***

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

In the vineyards now the grapes are ripening,
the clusters are heavy on the vine.

**It is time to call the workers
to bring in the harvest.**

In the orchards the trees bend
under the weight of the fruit.

**It is time to call the workers
to bring in the harvest.**

In the fields the squash and the carrots,
the cabbage and the potatoes, are ready.

**It is time to call the workers
to bring in the harvest.**

In the world the homeless, the hated,
the hungry, the haunted, are waiting.

**It is time to call the workers
to bring in the harvest.**

In this place God's people are gathered.

**May our worship awaken in us a passion
to be God's workers for justice,
for peace, for the healing of Creation.**

***OPENING HYMN VU 217 "All Creatures of Our God and
King"**

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, Giver of all life and of our lives,
blessed are you in the fruits of the earth;
blessed are you in the work of human hands;
blessed are you in the harvest
of human creativity.**

**God of the poor and hungry,
blessed are you in the striving for justice;
blessed are you in the fragility
of peace-making;**

blessed are you in the grace of hospitality.

**God of the great feast and the simple meal,
blessed are you in the sowing of seed;
blessed are you in the breaking of bread;
blessed are you in the sharing of bread;
blessed are you in our daily bread.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Bread of Life. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Lift Every Voice, Let All Rejoice, Composer - Haydn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

There is never a day, God,
when we are not in need of your mercy.
We love poorly; we forgive imperfectly;
we inflict hurt unthinkingly
and we take offence easily.
We would like to do better and be better
but, somehow, we always find ourselves
back here, confessing our sins.
We would have given up on the like of us
long ago but your kindness is beyond
all understanding and your steadfast love
endures forever. Therefore, we dare to pray
yet again: God forgive us. Amen.

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

We are not doomed to be prisoners
our pasts, victims of our many
failures. If we will trust the One who
takes the incredible risk of trusting us,
there is a new path and a new life.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 16: 2-15 Reader: David Atkinson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 147 VU p.869 (Parts One and Two)**
Reader: David Atkinson

EPISTLE: Philippians 1:21-30 Reader: David Atkinson
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 20:1-16 Reader: David Atkinson
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: No Way to Run A Vineyard

***HYMN VU 227** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

OFFERTORY CALL

OFFERTORY HYMN MV 191 "What Can I Do?"

*What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (2X)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Because you are good, God,
we can share these gifts
to support the work and witness
of this church.
For this grace, we give thanks.
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN MV 143** "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

***DISMISSAL HYMN VU 424** "May the God of Hope Go
with Us" v.1

*1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses (He/Him)

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke (She/Her)

Corina Anderson (She/Her) and David Atkinson (He/Him)

Music Director: Donald Fraser (He/Him)

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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.*

The Men's Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast

on Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Single ticket \$10 each or \$15 per family.

Donations of books and puzzles for the fall fair are now welcome. We have need for fiction(especially new), children's books, large print and audio books. Puzzles are in demand, donations of puzzles with all the pieces would be appreciated. Please leave all donations at Trinity or if you need items picked up, please call the church office.

On Tuesday, September 29, the eve of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we will be showing the movie **Indian Horse** in the church **parlour at 7:00 pm.**

Admission will be free with a discussion to follow. The film centres on Saul Indian Horse, a young Canadian First Nations boy who survives Canada's Indian residential school system to become a star ice hockey player. The film stars Sladen Peltier as Saul at age 6, Forrest Goodluck as Saul at age 15, and Ajuawak Kapashesit as Saul at age 22; along with supporting roles by Edna Manitowabi, Evan Adams, Michiel Huisman, Michael Murphy, and Martin Donovan.

Clifton United will be celebrating its 178th anniversary with a service on Sunday, September 27th. Guest Preacher: David Atkinson.

Park Royal United Church is hosting an evening of Irish Folk music with **Fullerton's Marsh** on **Saturday, September 26 at 7:00 PM.** Concert takes place at **Park Royal United Church**, doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets **\$15/adults, Under 12/free.** Tickets available through Eventbrite or at the door (cash only). Proceeds support Park Royal Outreach programme. For further details, contact Park Royal Office.

Highfield Cemetery is hosting a concert fundraiser to support the cemetery maintenance. Show will be at Winsloe United Church on September 27, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Admission is \$15. At the door.

The first Dinner and Speaker Event will be on Tuesday, October 6, at 5:30 pm, in Trinity gym. The speaker will be **Cadrea Davis**, executive director of the Charlottetown Voluntary Resource Centre. Pay what you can for the meal. Menu: sweet and sour meatballs, rice, carrots and peas, salad; cake and ice cream for dessert. Tea and Coffee. No need to sign up in advance, just show up.

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

The choir is encouraging and welcoming new members to come join them for another season of great music for worship. Rehearsals go every Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:00 pm,

with a warm-up rehearsal on Sunday mornings, 9:45 am. Plan on joining this year. It's a wonderful group!

We Are very pleased to announce that Heather Cox Diamond has accepted the appointment of our new Archivist. She takes over for the late Katherine Dewar, who, as archivist, dedicated hours of work to the Church's life and history.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Greeters for the month of September: Anne Love, Erin Bateman, Miriam Lank, Luke Doiron.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Exodus 17:1-17

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Maybe the real test
of strength is staying
gentle in a world that
has given us every
opportunity not to be.

to learn our lessons
from all of the places
we walked that were
unkind to us.

so that we can lead
with arms wide open
instead of hardened
hearts.

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