

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Pentecost 15

Order of Service

Sunday, September 6

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:

It is the living Christ who calls us together this day.
**We have stepped out of the ordinary patterns
of our lives to sit with the one who is our
Teacher, our Friend, our Brother and our
Saviour.**
In Jesus' name let us worship together.

***OPENING HYMN VU 326 "O For a Thousand Tongues
to Sing"**

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus,
today we claim your promise
that wherever two or three
are gathered in your name
there you will be among them.
We long to experience your risen power
filling our lives with courage and hope.
We long to feel your healing touch
on the broken places of our souls.
We long to offer worship that is more
than old habit or time-worn ritual.
We long to know more about you
so that we can become more like you.
We long to embody your welcoming love
for all people everywhere.
Lord Jesus, stand among us.
Be with us now where we are. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

SOLO: Sara White – My Lord What a Morning-Arr. By Helvey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

(Based on A New Creed VU. p.918)

**God, you have called your church
to celebrate your presence but we have often
regarded the time of worship as an
inconvenient intrusion on our crowded lives.
You have called us to live with respect
in Creation but we have treated the good earth
and the precious waters with contempt and
filled the atmosphere with the emissions
of our fossil fuels.
You have called us to love and serve others
but we are mainly concerned with ourselves.
You have called us to seek justice and resist
but we regard injustice as someone else's
problem and hope that evil
won't find our address.
You have called us to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope,
but we act as if we had never heard of him.
God, forgive us; call us again.
Do not stop calling us until we answer. Amen.**

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

There is nothing, absolutely nothing,
that can separate us from the love of God
made known in Christ Jesus our Lord.
In this is our hope; in this is our life.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 12:1-14 Reader: Devon Turcotte
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 VU p.873 Refrain 1

EPISTLE: Romans 13: 8-14 Reader: Devon Turcotte
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 18: 15-20 Reader: Devon Turcotte
This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: A Community of Memory and Hope

***HYMN MV 28** "God of the Bible"

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:

From the blessings we have received
we bring these gifts praying that
through the work of your church,
they may be a blessing to many, O God.
We offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN VU 714** "Come, We That Love"

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

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 Bill Irwin and Gerald Burgoyne who will both celebrate their Birthdays on September 9th.

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

Sunday School Classes will be starting back up on September 13. A community barbeque will follow.

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.

The first dinner and speaker will be on Tuesday, October 6th, at 5:30 p.m. Details to follow.

Our Fall Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 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.

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.

Trinity United Church's historic sanctuary will be open for viewing in **September** and **October, Monday to Saturday**, from 10 am to 2 pm. Volunteers will be present to welcome cruise ship passengers and visiting tourists. We now have a tap option for donations, as well as other resources, such as an audiotape prepared by our summer student tour guide. These added tools will ensure a more meaningful experience for all.

In addition to walk-in visitors, Experience PEI has booked many tours in conjunction to their Charlottetown Churches Walking Tours, with visits at scheduled times. We welcome the return of these group tours now that the Prince Street doors are, once again, open. A very big **thank you to everyone** who has agreed to help with this initiative.

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.

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 September: Anne Love,
Erin Bateman, Miriam Lank, Luke Doiron

Scripture Readings for Sunday, September 13th, 2026:

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35