

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF CREATION TIME
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Order of Service

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Prayers and songs in unison and people's responses
are in **bold type**.

* Indicates 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:

May the light of Christ symbolized by this candle
shine upon us and in us.
May the light we share brighten the world.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

**In lighting this rainbow candle we proclaim
that all people are worthy of dignity,
safety and a place at the table.**

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

***GATHERING SONG MV 141** (without chorus)

***1 We are all one people, we all come
from one Creation way on high.
We are all one nation under one
great sky, you and I.
We are all one people, we are all one
colour in her eyes.***

***2 We are all one people, we all come
from one Creation way on high.
We are all one nation under one
great sky, you and I.***

We are all one people, we are all one

colour in his eyes.

***3 We are all one people,
we are all one nation,
we are all one colour if we try.***

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

**And we will come as children
who trust there is enough.**

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

**And we will become bread
for a hungry world.**

**And we will become drink
for those who thirst.**

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

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OPENING HYMN MV 142 "Oh a Song Must Rise"

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, whose love knows no boundaries,
We, who are often imprisoned by the barriers
we build out of fear or ignorance or
misunderstanding, gather now in your
welcoming presence.**

**We are not yet where you call us to be
but we long to find the courage and the
strength to continue the journey to justice,
to peace, and to the healing of the earth.**

**We are grateful that you invite us to your table
to join with your people all over the world
in remembering, celebrating, and sharing
the holy meal that Jesus once shared
with his disciples.**

May we be bound together by ties of memory

and hope and may the worship we offer be
acceptable in your sight.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: Yabban, Yamman – Rupert Lang

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 65: 17-25

May we hear the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34 VU p.761

GOSPEL: St. John 6:1-15

This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: "There is a boy here..."

HYMN VU 501 "Break Now the Bread of Life"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY CALL

OFFERTORY HYMN VU 538 "For the Gift of Creation"

*For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our
hands. May your grace be proclaimed
by the gifts that we give.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Merciful and gracious God,
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness.
With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
Bless these gifts and bless our lives
that together we may share your mercy and
grace for the world you so love. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

There is a table spread for the world.
No one is rich enough to pay the price of
admission. No one is too poor to be welcomed in.
Come to the table and feast on God's love.
With thankful hearts, we come.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, we depend on your mercy
for we often get life wrong.
We obsess about trivial things
and miss what is really important.
We see ourselves as the centre of the universe
and forget that Christ told us
to leave self behind.
We want to be spiritual people
but only in the context of material comfort.
We would like to take care of planet Earth,
our home, but only when the economy is strong.
We would like to share generously
but only when we have
more than enough for ourselves.
God, we depend on your mercy,
shown to us in Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

We are all debtors of grace;
even the best of us must, at last,
trust God's mercy.
The good news is that God's mercy
is freely offered. Love, as the song says,
"only waits to forgive and forget."
Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***Hymn 477 "I Come with Joy"**

COMMUNION PRAYER:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Blessed are you, Gracious God,
Creator of light, Giver of all life,
Source of love.
You guide the sun, cradle the moon,

and toss the stars across the heavens.
At your word, the earth was made
and spun on its course among the planets.
You breathe life into us
and set us among all your creatures,
in a covenant of love and service.
Even when we turn away from you,
you do not forsake us. You send your prophets
to proclaim your justice,
to remind us of your promise of peace,
and to call us back to you.
Creator, Christ and Spirit,
We praise you for your love
revealed to us in Jesus,
who walks with us, our Wisdom and our Way,
sharing our joy and sorrow,
healing the sick,
feeding the hungry,
and setting the captives free.

So it is that we join the song of all creation
to proclaim your goodness: **MV 203**

***O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time
and space.***

***All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.***

***Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.***

***and blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!***

We remember that when Jesus
ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread,
and after giving thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."
Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying,
"Drink. This cup that is poured out for you
is the promise of God, made in my blood.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."
At this time, we also remember
all with whom you would have us
share your feast.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain,
all who are ill or alone,
all who live with fear, oppression, or hunger,
for all whom the world counts as last and least.

We pray for the church and its varied ministries, for nations, that they may strive for peace and justice, for our families and friends and all the human family.

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again.

Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith: **MV 204**

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

***Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!***

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

In this hope and as your people, we praise you, now and forever. **MV 205**

Amen, amen, O Holy One!

Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One!

Hosanna and Amen!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**Creator God,
you have welcomed us to your table,
fed us with your bread and wine,
nourished us with your eternal love,
and filled us with your peace.
Send us forth from this place
empowered to share the good news
of your presence in the world,
and to love you and our neighbour
with heart, mind, strength and soul.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HYMN VU 651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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. (3X)***

POSTLUDE

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

Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke (She/Her)

Corina Anderson and David Atkinson (He/Him)

Music Director: Donald Fraser (He/Him)

Today's Reader: David Atkinson (He/Him)

Office Administrator: Traci Birt (She/Her)

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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 UCW will be meeting on October 5 in the **Ladies Parlour** at 1:45 pm. Don and Jeanette Scott will introduce the group to the Library and its many resources.

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.

The Church Council will meet Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 pm.

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!

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.

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 October: Vans and Emily Bryant, Anne Love (October 4th) David and Maureen Larter.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, October 11, 2026:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Psalms 63 (VU pp.782-783)

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 17: 11-19

