

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF CREATION TIME
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

Order of Service

Sunday, October 11, 2026 10:30 am

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:**

The sun rises and it is light;
night falls and it is dark.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Sow the seed and cut the corn;
bear the child and build the house.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Lay the stone and light the fire;
cast the net and water the earth.

Bless the One who gives the life.

Make the wine and bake the bread;
pour the wine and break the loaf.

Bless the One who gives the life.

(from the Iona Community)

***OPENING HYMN VU 520 "We Plough the Fields"**

OPENING PRAYER:

**Great Waterer of the seed,
let the blessed rain of your Spirit
fall on us now, stirring our spirits
to remembrance and thanksgiving.
May mindfulness of all your blessings,
poured out so freely,
shape our attitudes and our actions
and make us a blessing
to all whom we meet on the way.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ,
in whom you blessed us with the gift of your
very self, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

**CHOIR: : Sing to the Lord of Harvest -
Arr. Healey Willan**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

There are moments, God, when we are

very much aware of how blessed
and privileged we are
to live in this place at this time.
Our lives are incomparably easier than the
lives of those who have gone before us.
Even the poorest among us live with
a degree of affluence and security
beyond the reach of many of our fellow
citizens of this planet.
And yet, these moments of gratitude
are often overbalanced
by forgetfulness and self-pity.
There are times when we can only see
what we do not have and we complain
endlessly how bad things are.
Having convinced ourselves
that we are impoverished and beleaguered,
we become resentful and fearful.
We do not trust you to provide;
we tell ourselves and anyone who will listen
that we are entirely self - made.
God, forgive us.
Open our minds and our hearts
to see who we really are
and how we came to be here.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENCE

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God is the love that over and around us lies;
the grace that is totally unearned;
the healing that makes the earth whole.
Give thanks to God;
we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Reader: Vans
Bryant

May we hear the word of God.

Thanks be to God.

***PSALM 65 VU p. 782**

GOSPEL: St. Luke 17: 11-19

This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: On Not Taking Things For Granted

***HYMN VU 517** "Praise God for the Harvest"

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:

**God, receive the gifts we bring.
They are offered from the blessings
that fill our lives.
In sharing them, we bear witness
to your great goodness,
mercy and love, made known to us
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

***HYMN VU 516** "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

***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 (She/Her) and David Atkinson (He/Him)

Music Director: Donald Fraser (He/Him)

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

Office Administrator: Traci Birt (She/Her)

Custodian: Andy Gagnon (He/Him)

Sunday Custodian: Seamus Murphy (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.*

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Esther Cox, from Heather and family.

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 congregation of the Memorial Pastoral Charge
invite you to a Covenanting Service between them,
Corina Anderson and the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning
Waters Region to be held in the Memorial United Church,
Murray River, PEI, on Sunday, October 18th at
3:00 pm. The service will be led by the Search
Committee, with Rev. Rachel Campbell, President,
representing the Region. The guest speaker will be the
Rev. John Moses. A reception will follow.

Memorial United Church is located at 229 Cape Bear
Rd, Murray River, PEI. The Sanctuary is wheelchair
accessible via the main door. All are welcome. We extend
a heartfelt invitation to all to join us as we celebrate this
new faithful
partnership.

The next free dinner for students (and others) will be held on **Thursday, October 22**, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Our next Dinner and Speaker event will be held on **Tuesday, November 2**, at 5:30 pm. The speaker will be Emily Fitzgerald who will be speaking about the impact of climate change on population health. This has been the subject of her Ph.D. research. Emily is the daughter of Anne and John Fitzgerald, granddaughter of the late Don and Florence Wonnacott. As usual, pay what you can for the meal. Menu to be announced shortly.

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.

We now have mustard pickles available to sell. You can reach out to the church office, (902-892-4114) or just come in and pick them up. \$10 a bottle. Jams will soon follow.

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.

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 18, 2026:

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99 (VU p.819)

Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22