



**Trinity – Clifton Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada**



September 10, 2017

Clifton 9 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

We are glad that you are here as a visitor, a seeker, someone looking for a new church home, or as a regular worshipper or member.

All are welcome in this place.

*Please rise as you are able.

The Gathering

Prelude Plein Jeux Clerambault

Words of Welcome Rev. Cathie Crooks

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit** God, We Praise You For the Morning VU #415, vss 1 & 6

***Call to Worship**

We are all about to enter a new time.

What time might that be?

Creation Time, when the colour green changes to orange.

**Oh, Creation Time, when life takes on a new rhythm,
when we shift our attention to new adventures.**

Now, in the Spirit of Creation,

let us worship the Presence as we sing.

***Hymn** All Creatures of Our God and King VU #217

Prayer of Invocation

**Creator God—
we long for you
like a deer longs for flowing streams.
We long for you
like an anxious sheep longs for familiar pastures.
We long for you
like a hungry child longs for a piece of bread.
Settle here among us,
with open arms and ready smile,
with comfort before you send us out
on our adventures once again.**

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

***+Hymn** This is God's Wondrous World VU #296, vss 1 & 2

Time with Children

***+Hymn** This is God's Wondrous World VU #296, v 3

Prayer of Confession

**Creator God,
we stand in awe at this creation of yours.
We kneel before you with thanks and praise.
Our sin surrounds us, in the air we breathe,
the water we use, the devastation we bring to this
earth.
How can we ever repair the damage we are doing?
How can we be forgiven?**

(a time of silence)

**O God, hear our prayer.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The Word

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149 VU, page 873, refrain 1

Matthew 18:15-20 Rev. Greg Davis

Anthem Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer Healey Willan

Sermon

Response to the Word

***Hymn** Deep in Our Hearts MV #154

Minute for Mission A Vibrant Youth Program

Offering Invitation

To be a steward is to be responsible,
responsible for what is owned by another.

To be a steward is to be privileged,
privileged to care for, even as we are cared for.

To be a steward is to be part of,
never separate from, that for which we are responsible.

Who owns the earth, the air, the water?

Who owns the atoms, the quarks, and the waves?

God.

And we are stewards,

part of God's creation, called to a responsibility of care.

Alleluia!

As stewards, let us present our offering.

Offertory Recit Clerambault

***Presentation of Offering**

We Give Thee But Thy Own VU #543, vs 1

Offering Prayer

**Loving God, who gave us all of creation,
help us to remember that we are
only the stewards of your generosity.**

**We dedicate these gifts, and the givers,
to your coming realm. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** Your Hand, O God, Has Guided VU #274

Sending Forth

*Benediction

Take all the many pieces of life and faith,
and stitch a quilt of love and joy
to warm and brighten all the world.

**We go to wrap the world
in God's comfort and strength.**

Postlude Grands Jeux Clerambault

Some of the resources used in shaping this liturgy: The Prayer of Invocation was written by Maggie Watts-Hammond, Gilmore Park U.C., Richmond, B.C.; the Prayer of Confession was written by Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.; the Offering Invitation was written by Richard Bott, Dunbar Heights U.C., Vancouver, B.C. (richardbott.com); the Offering Prayer was written by Wanda Winfield, Blenheim U.C., Blenheim, Ont.; the Benediction was written by Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

Ushers:

Head Usher: Willard MacKinnon

North Side: Enid Carter, Don & Jeanette Scott

South Side: Jim & Lynn Clements, Willard MacKinnon

Balcony: Miriam Lank

Ministers: All of Us

Clergy Team: Rev. Cathie Crooks & Rev. Greg Davis

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Office Administrator: Ellen Locke Doiron

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Announcements

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Marion Richards on the death of her husband, Ken.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Leeann and Peter Gallant on the death of Leeann's father, Merrill Johnston. Merrill was also Karen McIntee's brother.

Happy Birthday to Janet Stewart and Josephine Cormier today.

Chancel Choir: *"Group singing is an activity well suited to the disparate skill levels of its participants, and confers both health and psychological benefits. You don't have to have a great voice to sing in a group. According to a recent study, even if the quality of singing produced is undistinguished, psychosocial and cognitive benefits still occur, demonstrating that there really is benefit in just taking part".*
Dr. Des Colohan, from an article printed in The Guardian, March 2017

Calling all those who love to sing! The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Don Fraser, rehearses each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. New singers are joyfully welcomed! If you have questions or wish to let Don know you'll be coming, please call him at 902-569-1604. We have 50+ seats in the choir loft. Might one be waiting for you? Please join us! We'd love to sing with you at Trinity!

Attention UPEI Students: The deadline for applications for the A.G. And Eliza Jane Ramsden Memorial Scholarship is Oct. 1. Details about the scholarship and the application form are available on Trinity United Church's website under "forms".

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 17: Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 14:21-35

Food Bank: Please remember to support the food bank with non-perishable food items. You can drop them off any Sunday or during the week at the office. Most needed items are school supplies, snacks for school lunches like cereal bars and fruit and pudding cups, pasta, Sidekicks, flakes of ham, chicken and turkey and canned tuna.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Sunday School Registration will occur on Sept. 10 (today) and 17 and classes will start on Sept. 17. Today, Ellen will share a Godly Play story in the Upper Hall. After service on Sept. 17, we will celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year with a BBQ on the church lawn. All are welcome.

Looking for your next great read? **The Social Justice Book Club** will meet on Wed., Sept. 27 at 7 pm to discuss Heather O'Neil's award winning novel "Lullabies for Little Criminals". This moving

coming-of-age novel of young life on the streets is sure to spark an interesting discussion. Hope you will join us! For more information check out PEI Social Justice Book Club on Facebook or on the Trinity website. If you have questions contact Bev Bishop bevbishop71@gmail.com or Monica Macdonald 902 388-7780.

Gala Dinner: Sat., Sept. 30. Tickets are now available for Trinity-Clifton's ninth annual Gala Fundraising dinner and will be for sale at the Richmond Street doors after today's service. A five-course dinner will be served, dinner entertainment provided, and a silent auction and limited live auction will cap off the evening. Tickets cost \$60 per person with a tax receipt to be provided. We encourage you to think creatively as to how you may contribute to the auction. Would you be willing to host a coffee party, a luncheon, a dinner for six in your home? Perhaps you have other interesting ideas for the auction team? If so, please contact Diana and Norman Carruthers at 902-566-3007.

Other Church and Community Events

The Winsloe United Church Ceilidh on Mon., Sept. 11, 7:30 pm hosts the Men of the Century (Brian Knox, Jimi Platts, Kendall Docherty, Peter Burke, Larry Campbell, and Heartz Godkin); features the music of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Ronnie Milsap, and Gene Watson. There will be a light lunch served. Tickets are \$10 at the door with doors opening at 6:30 pm.

The Confederation Centre Youth Chorus and the adult choir at the Centre, the Confederation Singers, are welcoming new members into the choirs this September. There is no audition, so come and sing with us! Both choirs will be featured in a special Canada 150 concert with the PEI Symphony in November. Contact Don Fraser at dfraser@confederationcentre.com or call 628-6144 to join.

Cornwall Community Choir is welcoming new members for its fall term from Sept. to Nov. No previous choir experience necessary. We practice traditional and contemporary music on Wed. from 12:15 to 2:15 pm at the West River United Church, Cornwall. Please pre-register before Sept. 15th by contacting Valda at [902-367-4756](tel:902-367-4756). Fee of \$45 is due at registration prior to our first practice. Fees are payable by cash or cheque. Hope to see you there.

Fundscrip – Gift cards for gas, groceries, movies, books, clothes and more can be purchased with cash or cheque before and after our service each Sunday or in our church office during the week. Use them yourself or give as gifts – a great way to help our church as we receive a percentage from the sale. September Fundscrip Rebate Specials: Shell 3% (usually 2%), Old Navy/Gap 10% (usually 5%)

Available Cards:

Gas - all stations **Groceries** - all stores **Office** - Staples
Health - Lawtons, Shoppers **Entertainment** - Indigo, Cineplex
Apparel - Payless Shoes, Claires, Aldo, Marks Work Wearhouse, Old Navy, GAP, Le Chateau **Children** - Toys R Us, Children's Place
Department Stores - Hudson Bay, Sears, Winners, Walmart
Electronics - Best Buy, The Source
Home and Garden - Home Furniture, Sears Home, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
Restaurants - Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, East Side Marios, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas
Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Sears Travel, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

Trinity-Clifton Christmas Fair – Friday, November 17, 10 am – 4 pm Saturday, November 18, 9:30 am – 2 pm

Silent Auction Table: This will be the fourteenth year for the Silent Auction Table in the Trinity-Clifton Christmas Fair. The committee is seeking donations to once again make this year's Silent Auction a resounding success. Now that fall is upon us, we begin to move indoors a little more and we return to our indoor hobbies and activities. The Committee would like you to start thinking about what you may be able to create to offer this table.

WHAT WE NEED: We are looking for *new, hand-crafted specialty* items of quilting, woodworking, knitting, cross stitching, artwork, etc. In other years we have had items such as framed original paintings, stained glass window ornaments, wall shelves, CD storage cupboard, framed cross stitch, child's quilt, various Christmas decorations, stone bird house, dinner for 4 people, hand crafted golf clubs, hand decorated bedroom chair, quilted Christmas runners and hangings, serving trays, plus specialty baking items like plum puddings, carrot cake and fruit cake, sultana cake, and gumdrop cake.

To make the Silent Auction a success we need *12 to 16 specialty items* for this table. Because a good variety for this table is necessary, we ask you to use your imagination and come up with an item that might be beneficial to this section of the fair.

Fresh Holly: The purchase of a sprig or two of holly has been popular in the past number of years. We are therefore looking for gardeners who would consider pruning their bushes around the time of the Fair and provide us with fresh holly.

Please call Judy Irwin at 569-3187 if you have any questions, ideas, or donations.

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We need the following items for the fair:

Books – good interesting books, children’s books, CDs, records, etc.

Treasures – antiques, crystal, china, cups and saucers, dishes, ornaments, and other specialty items.

Jewellery – costume jewellery, necklaces, ear rings, bracelets, rings, pins, watches, cuff links, etc. We can clean and repair broken jewellery.

The above items may be dropped off at the Church office anytime, or call Linda at 628-1394 or Debbie at 892-9217 and we will pick up.

Calling all Hands for the Christmas Fair - We are looking for people who can help with this great adventure by setting up, taking down, and working at the various tables during the two days of festivities on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18. Time slots can be arranged to suit your schedules.

We need your help and sincerely invite you to be a part of the big event.

Please call Linda Dunning at 902-628-1394 or Debbie MacLeod at 902-892-9217.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

