



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



**March 18, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**Our Lenten Journey: We Are Not Alone**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**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**

**Welcome**

Rev. Greg Davis

**Procession of Lenten Symbols**

Olivia Wharton

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit**

Come and Fill Our Hearts

MV #16

**\*Call to Worship**

And it begins.

**Life is a cycle –**

every moment a beginning,  
every moment an ending.

**Life is a cycle –**

ever changing, never static.

**Life is a cycle –**

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth  
and dies, it remains just a single grain.”



**Sermon** Seed and Grow  
**\*Hymn** Three Things I Promise MV #176

**Response to the Word**

**Dedication and Installation  
of the Executive  
of the United Church Women of Trinity-Clifton**

**Prayer** Judy Irwin, UCW President

**Promises**

**Blessing** VU #962

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** Dear God, Who Loves All Humankind  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

**\*Presentation of Offering** VU #149 vs. 4  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**\*Offering Prayer**

**O God, you have written your promises on our hearts.  
May we, in return, continue to give our whole selves  
to your work in our world.**

**Bless what we offer this day –  
gifts of our lives and of our labour.  
Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.**

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Postlude**

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Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted from **Seasons of the Spirit:** (Lent/ Easter 2018) and **Gathering, Resources for Worship Planners:** Celebrating 50 Years with A New Creed (Lent/Easter 2018, Year).

**Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Austin Bowman

**North Side:** Mark Richardson, Susan Willis, Harry Kielly

**South Side:** Mary Cowper-Smith, John Enman, Harry Hibbs

**Balcony:** David Younker, Kevin Jenkins

**Ministers:** All of Us

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

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Office Administrator:** Ellen Locke Doiron

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Charles Baglole

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### **Announcements**

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Ewen Stewart of the death of his sister Olive.

**Happy Birthday** to Patsy Mills today, to Ewen Stewart on Mar. 20, to Margaret MacArthur on Mar. 22, to Anita Conohan, Jack Howatt,

Kaiden McKenna & Sarah Dowling on Mar. 23, and to Helen Newson on Mar. 24.

**This morning**, we extend a warm welcome to Ellen Davis, guest pianist, and Paul Vandergaag, guest organist. For their gifts of music this day, we are deeply grateful.

Children and youth are invited to "**Walk Through Holy Week**," on Palm Sunday, **Mar. 25**. Sunday School teachers, Godly Play Storytellers, children and youth will enact and hear the story of Holy Week. The Walk will begin in the Richmond Street hall, where participants will wave palm branches as Jesus passes through. The crowd will then follow Jesus to the Upper Room (upper hall) to celebrate the Passover (sharing of bread and juice) to the Garden of Gethsemane (chapel) where the story of Good Friday will be told, then to the cave to hear the good news of the angel. Children and youth are asked to gather in the parlour by 10:15 a.m. to dress in costume.

**Easter Flowers:** If you wish to make a monetary donation (\$20) towards the purchase of Easter flowers in honour of, celebration of, or in memory of someone, please contact our church office before Mar. 27.

### **Upcoming Trinity Events**

**Outreach Committee** will meet on Tues., Mar. 20, 6:30 pm.

**M&P Committee** will meet on Tues., Mar. 20, 6:30 pm.

**Communications Committee** will meet on Tues., Mar. 20, 7 pm.

**CD Committee** will meet on Wed., Mar. 21, Noon.

**Pastoral Care Committee** will meet on Wed., Mar. 21, 5:30 pm.

**Maundy Thursday Worship** on Mar. 29, 7 pm.

**Good Friday Worship** on Mar. 30, 10:30 am.

**Bible Study: Mar. 20 and Mar. 27:** A study of women in the Bible will continue with **Living the Questions: Uppity Women of the Bible**, as we explore together the Book of Esther. Rev. Cathie will lead this series in the parlour, each Tuesday at noon.

**Good Friday**, Mar. 30, 7 pm. at Trinity United Church, The Confederation Singers present Choral Music on a Holy Day featuring the moving Mass in C sharp minor by Louis Vierné, the Cantique de

Jean Racine, and selections from the Fauré Requiem. Conducted by Donald Fraser, the concert will be accompanied by organist Frances McBurnie. Admission \$25.00. Tickets available at the door.

**Concert at Trinity:** Men of the Harvest on Sun., Apr. 15, 7 pm. Tickets may be purchased on line through the Eastlink Centre. \$15.00

### **Other Church and Community Events**

**Gimme That Old Time Rock'n Roll Concert** - Favorites of the 50's, 60's and 70's featuring the music of Elvis, Johnny Cash, Leslie Gore, Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra and many more. The concert's second half will star The Blue Crystals with soloist Dave Atlas and special guest Heather McAulay. Sat., Apr. 7, 7 pm at Park Royal United Church. (Doors open at 6 pm.) Storm date - April 8. \$12.00 admission. Tickets available at the church office: 902-894-9656.

**The Charlottetown Area Christian Council** also invites you to participate in a "Cross Walk" on Thurs., Mar. 29, 11 am. We will be congregating at The Salvation Army (Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets) and leaving at **11:00 am** to take a solemn walk of witness, carrying the Cross throughout downtown Charlottetown. Christians of all denominations are warmly welcomed. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable footwear. We will conclude our walk, arriving at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral for the Maundy **Thursday Noon** Lenten service.

**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.

### **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, Winners, Walmart  
**Electronics** - Best Buy, The Source  
**Home and Garden** - Home Furniture, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot  
**Restaurants** – Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas  
**Other** - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

## **Loblaw Card Program**

A wonderful opportunity has been identified to help support a variety of interests in our Trinity-Clifton Church Community – we are inviting each eligible adult in our congregation along with their family & friends to participate in the Loblaw Card Program.

The \$25 Loblaw gift cards will be donated to offset expenses for Camp Abeqweit, Prince Street School Breakfast Program, Anderson House, Bedford MacDonald Emergency Homeless Shelter, the Salvation Army and local Food Banks - to name a few. Of course, the extent of this support depends directly on the number of applicants we can reach with this request.

To be eligible you need only to have purchased packaged bread products at a Loblaw grocery store (known locally as Superstore or No Frills) before March 1, 2015. Each \$25 Loblaw Card can be used to purchase items sold at Loblaw grocery stores across Canada.

Interested applicants are being encouraged to register online at [www.LoblawCard.ca](http://www.LoblawCard.ca) and the gift card will be mailed to your home address, which can be dropped off at the church office or enclosed in your Weekly Offering envelope. As many do not have access to a computer nor an email address, we have received permission to gather and submit actual paper application forms in bulk. Once these non-electronic applications are processed, the \$25 Loblaw's Cards will be mailed directly to the church office and considered as Gift-in-Kind donations.

The deadline for registration is May 8, 2018 and most importantly, please note, this offer APPLIES to one per eligible adult - NOT limited to one per household!!

Copies of the application and information will be made available in the foyer today and in upcoming events and gatherings.

Following an educational period of 2.5 years of discussions, study sessions, and with input from members of the LGBTQ community in PEI, Trinity-Clifton Pastoral charge voted to become an Affirming Ministry on Dec. 6, 2015, the first Affirming Ministry on PEI. As part of our congregational studies, Trinity-Clifton developed the Vision

Statement listed below which was approved at a Congregational Meeting on May 24, 2015.

### Vision Statement

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action, and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

We offer our resources and talents with open hands and hearts in love and service to all as we work for reconciliation and justice locally, regionally, and globally.

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Our ongoing commitment as an Affirming Congregation and Ministry is to offer a ministry that publically declares our commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Although Affirming Ministries make an explicit statement about issues of sexuality and gender, their commitment to justice is far broader as stated in the goals of Affirm United below:

*Affirm United goals are:*

- *To support United Church Ministries in their ministry to people of all sexual orientation and gender identities.*
- *To broaden Social Justice Concerns within church and society.*