



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



**April 15, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**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

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Noah Rogers

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit**

Spirit of Life

VU #381

**\*Call to Worship**

With the disciples who met the risen Christ,  
**we come hoping for unexpected appearances  
of God's love.**

We come with our questions and doubts,  
and watch for Christ to appear in our midst saying:  
**"Peace be with you."**

"Touch me and see who I am" says Jesus.

We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests,  
and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there,

offering peace, offering hope, offering courage,  
offering transformation.

**We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus!**

Come, let us worship!

**\*Hymn**            God We Praise You for the Morning            VU #415

**Opening Prayer**

**God of comfort, hope and joy,  
we need you this day.  
As we continue to celebrate  
the good news of resurrection,  
we remember times when it was hard news to believe.  
As we come to worship you this day,  
may we give our doubts and fears to you,  
and may we enter into a time of sacred community.  
May we see your love come to life in all we do today...**

**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**            Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!    MV #121 vss 1-3

**Time with Our Children**

**Hymn**            Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!    MV #121 vss 4, 5

## The Word

<b>Acts 3: 12-19</b>		Joyce Caines
<b>Psalm 4</b>		Voices United, page 727
<b>Luke 24: 13-48</b>		Rev. Cathie Crooks
<b>Anthem</b>	As We Come Together	Pethel
<b>Sermon</b>	But We Had Hoped...	
<b>*Hymn</b>	In the Bulb There Is a Flower	VU #703

## Response to the Word

<b>Minute for Mission</b>	Mary Cowper-Smith, Gail MacNutt Co-chairs, Ministry & Personnel	
<b>Offering Invitation</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach
<b>*Presentation of Offering</b>	In Gratitude and Humble Trust	VU #544
<b>*Offering Prayer</b>		
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		

## Sending Forth

<b>*Hymn</b>	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	VU #288
<b>*Commission and Benediction</b>		

## Postlude

### Greeters:

**Head Greeter:** David Younker

**North Side:** Austin & Isabel Bowman, Heather Diamond

**South Side:** Don & Jeanette Scott, Jean Peterson

**Balcony:** Miriam Lank, 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**

**We are grateful** to Ellen Davis and Paul Vandergaag for their gifts of music this morning.

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Linda & Howard Hibbs on the death of Linda's mother, Maude MacDonald.

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Emily, Ryan & Darlene Boulter on the death of their mother & sister, Lois Boulter.

**Happy Birthday** to Roger Gordon on Apr. 17, to Camden Carpenter on Apr. 19, to Sophia Grace Cameron, Andrea Driscoll & Kristen Thompson on Apr. 20, and to Jean Cameron on Apr. 21.

**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.

**Trinity-Clifton News:** Our Communications Committee is pleased to launch a Trinity-Clifton quarterly newsletter. It's available as a download from the website ([trinityclifton.org](http://trinityclifton.org)) or you can link to it from our Facebook page. If you need a paper copy, please contact Ellen in our church office. Would you like to contribute? Book reviews, poems, recipes, news, meditations, etc. are welcome, but no longer than 150 words, please. The Communications Committee reserves the right to edit any submissions. Contact Ginny McGowan: [ginnymcgowan@gmail.com](mailto:ginnymcgowan@gmail.com)

### **Upcoming Trinity Events**

**Unit 5 UCW** meets on Tues., Apr. 17, 1:30 pm.

**Finance Committee** meets on Tues., Apr. 17, 6 pm.

**Outreach Committee** meets on Tues., Apr. 17, 6:30 pm.

**Pastoral Care Committee** meets on Wed., Apr. 18, 5:30 pm.

**M&P Committee** meets on Thurs., Apr. 19, 10 am.

**Development Committee** meets on Thurs., Apr. 19, 3:30 pm.

**Men of The Harvest**, a multi-denominational men's four-part harmony choir will be performing at Trinity this evening at 7 pm. Since its inception, "Men of The Harvest" has shared the unique strength and power of the male voice with audiences throughout PEI and beyond. So, for a wonderful evening of gospel and contemporary music, we invite you to plan to attend. Tickets are available through the Eastlink Centre on line or by phone. They will also be on sale today following our Sunday service. Ticket price is \$15.

### **Spring Awakening: Godly Play for Adults**

Do you enjoy listening to a good story? Join us:

**Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., April 12, 19, 26**

#### **"Knowing Jesus in a New Way"**

On April 12, hear and ponder two stories: the women at the tomb and the disciples on the Emmaus Road. Storyteller: Gail Hopkirk

**Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 am, April 15, 22, 29**

#### **"The Faces of Easter"**

On April 15, begin the overview of the life of Jesus, with the stories of Jesus' birth, childhood and baptism. Storyteller: Linda Mahood

**Parents and guardians please note that childcare will be provided.**

**Tuesday Night Church Supper:** Three nuns from Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute will speak on their religion, and why they came to PEI and what they are building in Brudenell. Cost of the meal is \$10.00. Tickets are available after the service at the Richmond Street entrance or during the week in our office.

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

#### **"How to Move Forward with Truth and Reconciliation in PEI"**

The Outreach and Hospitality Committee of West River United has organized a special event for Wed., May 9, at 6:30 pm. Sheri Bernard, Indigenous Justice Coordinator, Mi'kmag Confederacy of PEI, will speak on "How to Move Forward with Truth and Reconciliation in PEI". Members of our congregation and of our sister churches in the area, and anyone else interested in this topic, are welcome to attend. A question and answer time will follow the presentation.

**St. Andrew's Choir** will host a fund-raising variety concert on Sat., May 12, 7 pm, at St. Andrew's United Church in Vernon Bridge. The community-based program will feature St. Andrew's Choir, along with a number of special guests performing styles from gospel to traditional music. Performers include The MacRae Family, Matthew Reid, Andrea Ellis and Allison Kelly, our own Sylvia Abikattar-Mutch, and much talent from St. Andrew's congregation. As well, there will be two pieces of art, up for live auction, from artists Donna Serres and Kenneth Gallant. Funds generated from this event support the Music Program at St. Andrew's United Church. We invite you to join us in our wonderful medley of music and entertainment! Good will offering. Visit our Facebook page (St. Andrew's United, Vernon Bridge) for more information.

**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

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.*

