



We come to give God thanks and praise  
and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.

**Amen and amen!**

**\*Hymn**                      This Is God's Wondrous World                      VU #296

**Opening Prayer**

We pray to you, O God:

**Creator, that we may give forth new life.  
Christ, that we may be rooted deeply in this life.  
Spirit, that we may soar beyond our wildest  
imaginings.  
Lead us in your ways...**

**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**                      River Running in You and Me      MV #163 vss. 1-3

**Time with Our Children**

**Hymn**                      River Running in You and Me      MV #163 vss. 5-7

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**                                      Linda Dunning

**Psalm 29**

from Nan Merrill's Psalms for Praying

**The voice of the Beloved breaks  
the bonds of oppression,  
shatters the chains of injustice.**

**Love invites all to the dance of freedom,  
to sing the Beloved's song of truth.**

**The voice of Love is heard in every storm,  
and strips the ego bare;  
and in their hearts all cry,  
"Glory!"**

**The Beloved lives in our hearts;  
Love dwells with us forever.**

**May Love give strength to all people.**

**May Love bless all nations with peace.**

**Poem**

Caged Bird  
by Maya Angelou

**Anthem**

Author of Majesty, Love and Grace

Curry

**Reflection**

**Gospel Song**

His Eye is On the Sparrow

*Solo voice:*

Why should I feel discouraged,  
why should the shadows come,  
why should my heart be lonely,  
and long for heav'n and home?

When Jesus is my portion,  
my constant Friend is He,  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

*Refrain:*

I sing because I'm happy,

I sing because I'm free,  
for His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"  
His tender word I hear,  
and resting on His goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears.

Though by the path He leadeth,  
but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

***All voices:***

***Refrain:***

**I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.**

*Solo voice:*

Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when songs give place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him,  
from care He sets me free.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

***All voices:***

***Refrain:***

**I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,**

**for His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.**

## **Reflection**

**Gospel Song**      Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Solo voice:*

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand Precious Lord,  
lead me home.

*Bass and tenor voices:*

**When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near  
when my light is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand Precious Lord,  
lead me home.**

*Alto and Soprano voices:*

**When the darkness appears  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand Precious Lord,  
lead me home.**

*All voices:*

**Precious Lord, take my hand  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn;  
through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light:  
take my hand Precious Lord,  
lead me home.**

## **Reflection**

**Gospel Song**          Just a Closer Walk With Thee

*Solo voice:*

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Refrain:*

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

***All voices:***

***Refrain:***

**Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.**

***Refrain:***

**Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;**

**daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Response to the Word**

**Minute for Mission** A Sweet Program of Empowerment

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** Cromhorne Sur La Taille Couperin

**\*Presentation of Offering**

Like a Healing Stream MV #144 vs. 2

**\*Offering Prayer**

**O God, receive all that we offer this day.  
May your Spirit sustain the labour of creation  
through the lives of your faithful ones, we pray.  
Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn** My Life Flows On VU #716

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude** Dialogue Sur Les Grands Jeux Couperin

**Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Miriam Lank

**North Side:** Emily & Vans Bryant, Alan Brady

**South Side:** Jim & Gail Duckworth, Gayle Mills

**Balcony:** Maurice Wood, Audrey Farquharson

**Ministers:** All of Us

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

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Charles Baglole

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## **Announcements**

**Today's bulletins** are in loving memory of Lloyd & Esther Cox, presented by the family.

**Happy Birthday** to Alan Brady today, to Marguerite Wood and Cameron Miller on May 30, and to Isabella Neale and Bernice Bell on May 31.

**Please join us** in worship June 3rd to celebrate the children and youth of Trinity-Clifton. The young people of our church will lead us in worship, along with our dedicated and faithful Sunday School leaders and Story Tellers. Seven of our youth will make a commitment of faith through Confirmation. Everyone is invited to a BBQ lunch following the service. Come and be a part of this special day!

**Financial results: The following is our month-end financial results to April 30, 2018 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.**

Month ending	2017 Actual	April 2018 Actual
Offerings PAR	\$44,045	\$40,973
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Loose & Envelopes	\$38,245	\$36,414
Other Revenue- (ie Parking lot rentals)	\$23,517	\$21,747
Total Revenue	\$105,807	\$99,134
Total Expenses	\$171,080	\$153,706
Net Income (Loss)	(65,272)	(54,572)

**Camp Abby:** Camper applications are available on-line at [www.campabegweit.ca](http://www.campabegweit.ca) or on our bulletin board outside the church office. We appreciate any help you can give for sponsoring a camper. Early bird deadline is May 31.

**During Rev. Greg's Sabbatical,** Rev. Melanie Matheson will share in Sunday worship and Christian Development for 15 hours per week and Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer will share in Pastoral Visitation for 6

hours per week. In addition to Rev. Anne's weekly visits to those who are homebound or living in assisted care residences or nursing homes, Rev. Cathie will make home visits at times of serious illness, crises, or to support those who are bereaved. Rev. Cathie will visit Queen Elizabeth Hospital each Thursday or Friday or more frequently upon request.

**Christian Development Committee** requests the names of our 2018 graduates from high school, college and university. We will be honouring the grads and their parents with a breakfast on June 10. Please leave the names with Ellen Locke Doiron in the Office.

**UPEI Students:** Applications are currently being accepted for the Ivan & Blanche Darrach Bursary. Qualification requirements and application forms can be found on the UPEI website. Application deadline is May 31.

**Looking to hire a Pianist/Keyboard Player:** Clifton United Church is hiring a pianist/keyboard player for a number of weeks during our 2018 worship season. If you are interested in playing for one, or a number of Sundays, please let us know! Our service is from 9-10 am and will run weekly from June 10 through October 7. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Judy Irwin at 902-569-3187 who will be glad to provide further details. Although sight-reading would be an asset, it is not required. Thanks for considering!

### **Upcoming Trinity Events**

**Stewardship Committee** will meet at on Wed., May 30, 6 pm.

**Trinity United Take-Out Lobster Supper:** Our annual take-out lobster supper is being held on Wed., June 6, with pickup from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$22 and are available from UCW members, Trinity Men, our church office, and from Norman Carruthers (902-566-3007). Deliveries are available for those who are homebound. Tickets will be available today after our service at the Richmond Street entrance.

**Arioso**, a delightful women's choral ensemble from Kensington, PEI, will be performing here at Trinity on Sun., June 3, 7 pm. Brought together by a love of music, friendship and song, Arioso has delighted

Island audiences with their joyful and melodic performances for over 10 years. Arioso performs a diverse selection of music, ranging from Celtic, folk, and contemporary to sacred and classical music with a few favourites audiences are sure to recognize! Tickets are \$15 each (plus an additional \$1 for phone/internet sales) and are available at the Eastlink Centre Box Office by calling (902)629-6625, or online at: <http://www.eastlinkcentrepei.com/box-office.php> They will also be available at the door after 6:00 p.m. on the evening of the event. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening of beautiful music.

**Kitchen Party – Gala Dinner Silent Auction Item:** Join Gerry Edge and friends on June 1, 7-10 pm for a lively evening of music. It will be a mix of original, country and singer/song-writer material. The musicians are Gerry Edge, Scott Parsons and Dean Dunsford. Tickets are \$20. Snacks, coffee/tea and lemonade available for a donation. The address is 156 Bunbury Road, the Farquharson Farm. Tickets will be sold after church for the next two Sundays or by calling Jane at 902-569-3626.

**Looking for an uplifting, inspirational and thought provoking read?** *The Book of Joy*, by the Dali Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams is the next selection for the PEI Social Justice Book Club. Our book club is part of the 2016 action plan of the Trinity Affirm Committee. Our mandate is to be an open forum to discuss relevant social justice issues that affect us all. Please join us in the parlor Wed., May 30 at 7:00 to discuss how to find "lasting happiness in a changing world". *"The goal is to be a reservoir of joy, an oasis of peace, a pool of serenity that can ripple out to all those around you."* Desmond Tutu For more information contact Monica Macdonald at 902 388-7780 or Bev Bishop at [bevbishop71@gmail.com](mailto:bevbishop71@gmail.com) or check out our page on Facebook. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

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

**The QEH Auxiliary** is hosting their annual fundraising bus tour on Sat., June 9. This year the tour will be heading down east to Wood Islands Lighthouse, Montague for touring and shopping at Belle's (20% discount), lunch at Clamdiggers (Cardigan), Belfast Mini Mills and Orwell Historical Village. Goody bags and door prizes. Ticket price: \$100 with a \$50 tax receipt. Proceeds in aid of Auxiliary Special

Projects for purchasing Auxiliary-sponsored Medical Equipment. For tickets call Marg Keizer at 902-569-9289.

**The Stratford Community Choir**, directed by Kay Linkletter, will present a concert on Sun., June 3, 7 pm at Park Royal United Church. Special guests are FORTE, a men's choir, directed by Dr. Margot Rejskind. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets are available from choir members or at the door. Come and hear some wonderful choral music.

**Central Queens United Church**, Hunter River, will be hosting their annual Spring Roast Beef Dinner on Sat., June 9.

Three sittings: 4, 5:30, and 6:45 pm. Take-outs to be picked up at 3:00 pm. Full course hot meal with shortcake for dessert. Bazaar table to browse. Tickets: \$16/adult, \$7/school children under 12 yrs. and free for preschoolers. Tickets should be ordered in advance from Debbie at 902-964-2882.

**West River United Church Take Out Supper:** Please mark your calendars for the annual take-out supper scheduled for Sat., June 2. This is a cold ham plate (potato salad, coleslaw, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, pickles, roll, and carrot cake for dessert.) Cost \$12. Tickets are available in the church office 902-566-4052.

**Lions Clubs** will hold a Gas A Rama & BBQ at Mel's East Royalty Petro Can, University Ave. Petro Can & North River Shell on Sat. June 2, 9 am – 4 pm in aid of Cystic Fibrosis.

**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

## Trinity-Clifton 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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As an Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada, Trinity-Clifton is committed to broadening social justice concerns within church and society.

The United Church of Canada has stated:

“In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territories of First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the Courts and Pastoral Charges of the United Church of Canada. A proposal has been brought to the General Council Executive to encourage Parliament to include a similar acknowledgment in its Opening Address.”

We follow the lead of the United Church of Canada in acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation.

