



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



**September 23, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

**The Season of Creation**

**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**

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit**

Come All You People

*MV #2, repeat*

**\*Call to Worship**

Luke Doiron

**Praise God the Creator of this magnificent universe!**

We lift our voices with all of Creation,  
joining the known and the unknown in praise.

The very movement of the sun and of the planets,  
the intricate dance of the stellar systems,  
**all our wonder and God's majesty fills our hearts,  
lifting us into the mystery of life abundant.**

When we ponder the reality of the tiniest particles,  
when we consider the enormity of star clusters,  
**we marvel in slack-jawed awe and in gratitude,  
humbled by our own place in the whole.**

No matter who we are or what our heritage,  
**in God's arms, we are fully embraced as family.**  
With one voice, we shout from our hearts to God's heart:  
**"Thank you for our home sweet home!"**

**\*Hymn**                      Come in, Come in and Sit Down                      VU #395

### **Opening Prayer**

In this holy place, O most holy God,  
we seek you like summer sun after a long winter.  
You are the centre of our being.  
You are our still point.  
Draw us into your silence.  
Companion us in the shadowed woods.  
Travel in our valleys.  
Be the marrow of our substance.  
Embrace us and make us whole.  
Splash summertime epiphanies on our paths,  
then grace us to see them.  
Music-maker God, sing through the forests,  
splash on our lakes, and dance in our fields.  
We are here. You are here.  
Grace us to see and hear and move in you.  
For, in you, we live and move and have our being.  
Gathering our voices into one we prayer together...

**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,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**                      Shout for God                      VU #246, vss 1, 2

**Time with our Children**

**Hymn**                      Shout for God                      VU #246, vss 3, 4

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, I am but one of your creatures,  
yet you have given me responsibility  
to care for your creations.  
I have not always remembered my place  
as but one of your creatures  
and have acted as if Creation is mine, not yours.  
Help me use my knowledge wisely  
and to act kindly so that all of Creation can sing praise  
to you.**

**Words of Assurance**

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding**

**Proverbs 31: 10-31**

**Psalm 1** VU, page 724

**Mark 9:30-37**

**Anthem**

**Sermon** Become Like a Child --- Really??!!

**Response to the Word**

**\*Hymn** A Little Child the Saviour Came VU #445

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**

**\*Presentation of Offering**  
Your Work, O God VU #537

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn** Like a Child VU #366

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Some of the resources used in shaping this liturgy was taken from *Gathering: Resources for Worship Planners Pentecost - 2, 2018 Year B.***

**Greeters:****Head Greeter:** Willard MacKinnon**North Side:** Mary Chandler, Austin & Isabel Bowman**South Side:** David White, Don & Jeanette Scott**Balcony:** Miriam Lank**Ministers:** All of Us**Clergy Team:** Rev. Cathie Crooks & Rev. Greg Davis**Music Director:** Donald Fraser**Office Administrator:** Ellen Locke Doiron**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon**Web Page:** [www.trinityclifton.org](http://www.trinityclifton.org) **Email:** [trinityunited@eastlink.ca](mailto:trinityunited@eastlink.ca)**Phone:** 902-892-4114 **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am – 3 pm**Announcements**

**Happy Birthday** to Heather Cameron & Olivia Wharton on Sept. 27, to Elizabeth Wedge-Lafferty on Sept. 28 and to Gillian Scantlebury on Sept. 29.

**Rev. Crooks** will be on vacation from Sept. 19 through Sept. 26.

**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 our office. Most needed items are pasta, spaghetti sauce, Sidekicks and flakes of ham, chicken, and turkey and canned tuna.

**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 always welcome! If you have questions or wish to let Don know you'll be coming, please be in touch at 902-569-1604. Please join us! We'd love to sing with you at Trinity!

**Volunteers needed** at Camp Gencheff on Tues., Sept. 25 to serve supper to Unit 7 from Hillsboro Hospital. If you can help, contact Heather Cameron at 902-940-0034.

**Trinity-Clifton United Church** is very fortunate that Rev. Melaney Matheson and Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer are willing to work with us again in ministry following the departure of Rev. Greg Davis at the end of September. Melaney's responsibilities will include sharing in the preparation and leading of worship and oversight of the Christian

Development program for children and youth. Anne's primary focus will be visiting our members who are home-bound, living in community care facilities or nursing homes.

**The Ramsden Scholarship** is granted to protestant students who are enrolled at UPEI. The Scholarships are based on financial need, not academic achievement. Students who are interested in applying can download the Ramsden Scholarship application form from the UPEI website or the Trinity-Clifton website. Please note: deadline for applications is Oct. 1.

**Needed:** A telephone (land line style) to replace current one at Richmond Street entrance.

### **Upcoming Trinity Events**

**Sherwood UCW** will meet on Tues., Sept. 25 at 10 am.

**Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wed., Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm.

**Farewell to Rev. Greg Davis:** After ten years of ministry among us, Rev. Greg will take leave at the end of this month. Please join us in worship on Sept. 30 for Greg's final Sunday. Following the 10:30 a.m. worship, there will be a reception in the gym during which we will have the opportunity to bid Ellen and Greg a fond farewell. Please bring food to share to the gym kitchen by 10 am; surnames starting with A-M, please bring sandwiches, N-Z, bring sweets.

**The Supper Club** will meet on Tues., Oct. 2, 6 pm in the gym. Guest speaker will be Pauline Howard, Harvest Coordinator of the PEI Food Exchange, a voluntary organization dedicated to improving food security, especially for the needy, on PEI. The talk will address how the group was created, its success thus far, and its vision for the future. Cost of supper is \$10 and tickets are on sale at the Richmond Street doors after church. Everyone welcome!

**PEI Social Justice Book Club:** September is the perfect time to dive into an engaging and thought-provoking novel and we have a great suggestion for you. Anita Diamant's novel, The Red Tent, offers us a female perspective on the story of the Twelve Tribes of Israel as we see the world of that time through the eyes of Jacob's only daughter, Dinah. We are looking forward to a lively and stimulation discussion sparked by the topics in this book and we hope you will

join us. We will be meeting on Oct. 3 at 7 pm. For more information contact Bev Bishop at [bevbishop71@gmail.com](mailto:bevbishop71@gmail.com) or Monica Macdonald at 902-388-7780 or check out our page on Facebook. There will be 10 copies of The Red Tent in the Trinity library available for you to borrow. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**Thanksgiving Sunday and World Communion:** This year, Thanksgiving Sunday and World Communion Sunday fall on the same date. In addition, we will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism at the 10:30 service at Trinity. Please join us for worship on Sun., Oct. 7 and invite your family and friends for what promises to be a lovely service of word, sacrament and song.

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

Sabah, one of the Syrian women whom Trinity Clifton sponsored as a refugee in 2016 through our participation in the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, was recently given a sewing machine and a sewing table by members of our congregation. She is using them to open a small business of alterations to women's and men's clothing. If you would like her assistance with your sewing needs, please send her a text at 902-218-2231 to arrange an appointment.

**PEI UCW Presbyterial Fall Rally/Workshop** will be held at Camp Abby on Sat., Sept. 29, 9 am – 3 pm. Included in the program will be guest presentations by Rev. Karen MacLeod Wilkie ("Spirituality in Motion") and Rev. Heather MacDougall ("What Does God Look Like"). Cost is \$12 per person and pre-registration is preferred although you may register at the door. If you would like to attend please contact Judy Irwin, Anne Love, or Jeanette Scott. There is still time to register.

Central Queens United Church, Hunter River, is excited to host "Tribute to Lady Singers of Our Century" on Mon., Oct. 1. Jolene Patkai, Keila Glydon, Joan Reeves, Judy McGregor and Colleen MacPhee will feature songs by Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, Anne Murray, Connie Francis and Rita MacNeil. Concert starts at 7:30 with doors opening at 6:30. Light refreshments served. Admission \$12 at the door.

**Fundscrip** – September promotion:

Swiss Chalet - 6% (reg 5%) and Shell - 3% (reg - 2%)

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, Kent

**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.