



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



**March 24, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

**The Third 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** We Will Glorify Twila Paris  
Handbell Choir Arr. by Peggy Bettcher  
Kay Linkletter, Director

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Rory and Adaira Laird

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit** Spirit of the Living God VU #376

**\*Call to Worship**

Everyone who thirsts, come to the water.  
Even if you have no money, come, buy and eat!

**When we are parched,  
we come to be refreshed.**

**When we are hungry,  
we come to be fed.**

Hearing God's call to feast and to be filled,  
let us all come that we may be renewed.

**\*Hymn** Come and Find the Quiet Center VU #374

**Opening Prayer**

**Ever-welcoming God, you assure us  
that there is a place for all in your loving embrace.  
May we lean into that tender care,  
confident and trusting.  
Remind us anew that your way is full of compassion  
and create in us a new heart...**

*Silence is kept...*

**Sung Assurance:** MV #102, repeat

**Jesus, your Spirit in us  
is a wellspring of life everlasting.**

**Hymn** This Ancient Love VU #282, vss. 1-3

**Time with Our Children** Prayer

**Hymn** This Ancient Love VU #282, vss. 4-5

**The Word**

**Prayer for Understanding** Judy Irwin

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalms 63: 1-8, Refrain 2 VU, p. 781

Luke 13: 1-9

**Anthem** Pie Jesu Gabriel Fauré  
Mariko Osa, soloist

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn** In Loving Partnership We Come VU #603

## Response to the Word

### Offering Invitation

**Offertory** All Creatures of Our God and King  
arr. by Michael Ryan

**\*Presentation of Offering** VU #149, vs. 4

**\*Offering Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's 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** Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Austin Bowman

**North Side:** Mark Richardson, Enid Carter, Harry Kielly

**South Side:** Mary Cowper-Smith, John Enman, Myrna Kielly

**Balcony:** David Younker, Kevin Jenkins

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Crooks  
**Interim Clergy:** Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer & Rev. Melaney Matheson  
**Music Director:** Donald Fraser  
**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon  
**Office Administrator:** Ellen Locke Doiron  
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### **Announcements**

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Joyce Barbour on the death of her husband, Merrill.

**Happy Birthday** today to Helen Newson, to Marven MacDonald, Lori Ann MacDonald & Clair Gidney on Mar. 27, and to Shirley G. MacDonald on Mar. 30.

**2019 Weekly Bulletins** may be sponsored by you in celebration or in remembrance. Please contact Ellen in our office. Cost is \$50.

**Sunday, Mar. 31:** Lectionary Readings – Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

**Lenten Bible Study:** On each Tuesday during Lent, you are invited to gather at 1:30 pm for one hour with Rev. Cathie. We will consider the Lectionary Readings focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Please contact Ellen in our Church Office to register.

**Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference:** Registration is now open. May 23 – 26 at Mount Allison University. Funding is available. Please register online asap and let our church office know.

**Scripture Reader Sign-up:** Please consider signing up to read scripture in the coming weeks. The sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary in the children's area.

**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 Apr. 17.

**The Library catalogue** has just been updated. The print version can be found in the library. The online version is accessible on the

Trinity website under Ministries ([www.trinityclifton.org](http://www.trinityclifton.org)) Please check out the Trinity Library Display at Coffee and Conversation today.

### **Trinity Events**

**Affirming PIE Day!** On Mar. 14, Affirm United launched their first annual PIE Day. PIE focuses on Affirming Ministries' actions that are: Public; International; and Explicit in their welcoming to members of LGBTQ2S community. We are delighted that Trinity-Clifton was one of five ministries chosen to participate in the first PIE Day video. This 15-minute video is completely free to download and to stream through Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/320966739> A special showing is being planned for Mar. 31 following worship for our congregation. Coffee and pie will be served in the sanctuary. Hope you can join us!

**Our guest speaker** for the Apr. 2 supper meeting will be Helena Emami who immigrated to Canada from Iran in Jan. 2015. Currently, Helena is working with the Island Investment Development Inc. , Office of Immigration, as a Business Landing Officer. Since her arrival in PEI, she has devoted much of her time to the community as a passionate volunteer. She has been active in Island culture by getting involved in community events and creating and distributing a cultural plan white paper for the Province of PEI. She will give us a presentation about Iran's culture and the immigration journey.

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

**Tribute to Broadway** will be presented at Central Queens United Church, Hunter River on Sun., Mar. 31 at 7 pm. This show will feature the acclaimed talents of Kirk Neville and Bonnie LaFrance through voice and piano. Refreshments will be served. Admission \$12 at the door.

**The Gift of Meditation:** Free Public Presentation – All warmly welcomed! Dr. Robert Kennedy, dynamic speaker and scholar from New York, will give a public presentation and discussion on meditation on Fri., Apr. 5, 7 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral Church Hall. Dr. Kennedy is an ordained Jesuit priest, a Zen Master, professor of theology and psychotherapist. His international Zen retreats have taken him to Mexico, Poland, England, Ireland, and throughout the

United States. The event will be hosted by Mary Lou Morrison and her counselling colleagues, Marilyn Webb and Ian Forgeron.

**Winsloe United Church** is having a Roast Pork Loin Dinner on Sat., Apr. 6, serving from 4-6:30 pm. Take-outs available at 3:30 pm. Adults: \$20, children under 12: \$8, and ages 6 and under: no charge. For tickets, please contact Faye at 902-368-1175 or the church office at 902-368-1233.

**The Nominations Committee for Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region** is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the following committees: Property, Financial & Mission Services, Faith & Education Formation, Mission, Justice & Outreach, Archives and Records. If you would like more information or if you feel called to serve, please contact: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin  
Chair, Nominations Committee 506-292-1680.

**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, 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.



