



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



March 31, 2019 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth 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

Words of Welcome

Rev. Cathie Crooks

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Brooklyn MacCallum

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

Spirit of the Living God

VU #376

***Call to Worship**

At times, the road of life can lead us to unexpected places.

At times, life leaves us longing for more.

**We want to believe that it is better elsewhere,
and so we walk on, searching for more.**

Yet God is with us, wherever we are,
welcoming us with open arms.

**Into God's warm embrace we come today,
prepared to worship God with praise and thanksgiving.**

***Hymn** Sing Your Praise to God Eternal VU #244

Opening Prayer

**God, as we gather to worship
we turn our attention to you.
Sometimes we walk away from you,
believing that there are other, better roads.
Help us to return to you where we are always
welcomed home into your loving embrace,
despite our shortcomings and misgivings.
Wrap your arms around us,
as we offer our individual prayers to you.**

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 Sharing Faith

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

The Word

Prayer for Understanding Bruce Fitchett

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Psalm 32 VU, Page 759

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Rev. Melaney Matheson

Duet Emily and Vans Bryant

Sermon

***Hymn** O God, How We Have Wandered VU #112

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory

Emily and Vans Bryant

*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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU #356

*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
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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Finley Campbell, Thomas Hughes & Marion MacKenzie on Apr. 1, to Coleen Mumford on Apr. 2, to Willard MacKinnon & Noah Duckworth on Apr. 3 and to Reigh McKenna on Apr. 6.

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

Sunday, Apr. 7: Lectionary Readings – Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8.

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. 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. 15.

A sincere "Thank You" to the people of Trinity-Clifton for the many expressions of love and kindness you shared with me and with our family these past days, as we mourned the loss of our father and grandfather, Bob Dalziel. Much gratitude, Anne

Trinity Events

UCW Executive will meet on Mon., Apr. 1, 9:30 am.

UCW General will meet on Mon., Apr. 1, 10 am.

Mens' Group will meet on Wed., Apr. 3, 9 am.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wed., Apr. 3, 6 pm.

Property Committee will meet on Wed., Apr. 3, 6:30 pm.

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> Today, there will be a special showing following worship. 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

Taizé Service: Join us on Sun., Apr. 7 at 6:30 pm at the Kirk of St. James, for an evening prayer service featuring the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France. Alongside responsive prayers and Scripture readings, the serene and uplifting music of Taizé helps us to deepen our sense of prayer and of God's presence. This quiet, candlelit service offers the chance to step aside from our busy lives to gather quietly in meditative common prayer. Step aside for a while. Come into the light. You are invited.

Voices of Spring: The 39th annual celebration of Spring, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, is on Sun., Apr. 7 at 3 pm. The Confederation Centre Youth Chorus will be conducted by Donald Fraser and accompanied by Sara White. General Admission \$20.

North Rustico Lions Club Brunch Buffet supporting the QEH/Eastlink Telethon: Get together with your family and friends for a delicious buffet brunch 10 am - 1 pm on Sun., Apr. 14, at the North Rustico Lions Club. Advance tickets are available at the club bar: \$14 for adults, \$10 for children, and free for children five years and under. Tickets at the door will be \$16 for adults, and \$12 for children. For more information, call 902-963-2533.

Come Raise the Roof: Fri., Apr. 26 and Sat., Apr. 27 at 7 pm, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, is hosting an old-fashioned variety show and a one act play to raise money for our new roof. Tickets are \$12 adults; \$6 for children 12 & under. For tickets, call Barb 902-368-2620 or the church 902-892-5255. Each evening will feature a variety of performers and will end with a one act play written and directed by Barb Perry.

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.

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.

- Mason Jars
- Paper Towel
- Cereal
- Juice
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Guns
- Flash Lights

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