

**Trinity – Clifton Community of Faith  
United Church of Canada**



**July 21, 2019 10:30 a.m.**

**Pride Sunday Celebration**

**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**

**Lighting of the Rainbow Candle**

**Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

**Quiet Preparation for Worship**

**\*Introit**

Come Touch Our Hearts

MV #12, vs. 1

**Come touch our hearts  
that we may know compassion,  
from failing embers build a blazing fire;  
love strong enough to overturn injustice,**

**to seek a world more gracious,  
come touch and bless our hearts.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, you who are a grand spectrum of God's children,  
**prisms that catch God's light and give it back  
in a variety of blended hues.**  
Come, as colours of a rainbow in the sky,  
**for your very being is the fulfillment of God's promise.**

**\*Hymn**                      All Are Welcome                      MV #1, vss. 1-2, 4-5

**Opening Prayer**

**Holy One,  
from whom on different paths all have come,  
to whom on different paths all are going:  
make strong in our hearts that which unites us;  
build bridges across all that divides us.  
United may we rejoice in our diversity.  
At one in our witness to your peace,  
may we be a rainbow,  
a reflection of your magnificent glory...**

**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** Draw the Circle Wide MV #145, vss. 1, 2

**Story** Families, Families, Families  
by Suzanne Lang and Max Lang

**Hymn** Draw the Circle Wide MV #145, vs. 3

### **The Word**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 3: 13-17 Rev. Jim Culbert

**Sermon** Bishop Karen Oliveto

**Solo** Born This Way Lady Gaga  
Allison Kelly, soloist

### **Response to the Word**

**Minute for Mission** Jane Farquharson

### **Offering Invitation**

**Offertory** Gift of Acceptance India Arie  
Suzanne Campbell, soloist

**\*Presentation of Offering** VU #540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

### **Offering Prayer**

**A Litany of Thanksgiving and Intercession** Mim MacInnis and  
Jackie McKinnon

Eternal God, Energy of Love,  
your liberating voice has called us here  
**and we are counted among your holy people.**

You have provided sanctuary for us  
**and we worship and pray in your expanding love.**

You cradle us in the palm of your open hands  
**and we are raised up by you.**

You show us your light in your sun  
and your reflection in your moon  
**and we are called to bring your light  
into the depths of fear.**

We remember the LGBTQ Two-Spirited+ people  
around the world who have been tortured and killed  
because of who they are.  
**We remember them and the people who love them.**

We remember the LGBTQ Two-Spirited+ refugees  
around the world seeking safety and asylum.  
**We remember them and the people who welcome  
them.**

We remember trans and gender-diverse people here in  
Canada, the United States, Brazil and elsewhere,  
who are targeted victims of hate crimes and assaults.  
**We remember them and seek to be people  
of justice and peace.**

Bless and protect all your people  
**as promised in your rainbow covenant with us.**

Bless and strengthen all your people  
**and renew us in your love.**

Bless and call all your people

**until all your people find their home in you.  
Amen and amen!**

### **Sending Forth**

**\*Hymn**

We Are a Rainbow

David Kai

Soloist:

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,  
we're a candle on a stand proclaiming light.  
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel anymore,  
we will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

**All voices:**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
for the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.  
Come shine your rainbow,  
splash your hues across the sky,  
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

Soloist:

We're a coat of many colours,  
sewn from many diff'rent threads,  
cov'ring all in warmth, in welcome and in grace.  
God said, "let there be light," created ev'ry varied shade,  
in the rainbow each of us can find a place.

**All voices:**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
for the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.  
Come shine your rainbow,  
splash your hues across the sky,  
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

**We are hope to still believe  
in tomorrow's better day,  
we are peace in a world that's torn apart.  
We are joy that will last**

**in all the struggles that we face,  
we are love that blooms and grows in ev'ry heart.**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
for the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.  
Come shine your rainbow,  
splash your hues across the sky,  
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

**When we face the storms of life,  
we will never be alone,  
for our God will be with us on the way.  
Hand in hand, side by side,  
we won't be frightened anymore,  
as the mourning night of tears breaks into day.**

**We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace  
for the flood of tears will fin'ly cease to be.  
Come shine your rainbow,  
splash your hues across the sky,  
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.**

Soloist:

Paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.

### **\*Commission and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

#### **Greeters:**

**Head Greeter:** Sylvia Gunn

**North Side:** Austin Bowman, Holly & Les Burrige

**South Side:** Valerie Downe, Carrie St. Jean, Anne Love

**Balcony:** Andrea Driscoll

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Crooks

**Minister of Visitation:** Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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### **Announcements**

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to Patsy Mills on the death of her brother, Gordon Mills.

**Today's bulletins** are in loving memory of relatives and friends presented by Kay and Doug Boylan.

**Happy Birthday** to Sylvia Johnston and Vans Bryant on July 26.

**Children's Activity Area:** Children and their adults are welcome to make their way to the Children's Activity Area in the sanctuary anytime during the worship service. Our Greeters will be glad to direct you to the cozy chairs and books, puzzles, etc. All are welcome here!

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

**Sunday, July 28:** Lectionary Readings – Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

**Rev. Cathie will be away** on continuing education and vacation from July 22 through August 20. During that time, Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer will offer pastoral care through home visits and hospital visits. Rev. Doreen Daley, who will be leading worship, will also be on-call for pastoral emergencies. Please call our church office to be connected to Rev. Doreen. We are grateful for their ministries with us this summer.

**Jam season** is underway at Trinity and we need 250 ml bottles, liquid Certo and white sugar. If you can help with any of these, please drop off to our church office.

**Dr. Sobia Ali-Faisal's reflection:** Printed copies of Dr. Ali-Faisal's reflection offered at Trinity on Diversity Sunday., June 23, entitled, *Islamic Feminism for Liberation and Peace*, are now available in our church office. We are grateful to Dr. Ali-Faisal for making her manuscript available to us.

**Stained-Glass Window Project:** The exterior wood frames of our South and North stained-glass windows are now being repaired. Most all of the wood windowsills have serious wood decay and need to be replaced. The window sashes will be repaired as necessary, scraped, sanded and repainted. The existing storm windows will be removed and replaced with new window protection material. In order to accomplish this task, steel staging will be installed to the full height of the windows. Experienced Restoration Craftsmen, Raeford Waite and Jake Fonesca, have been contracted to do the work. This is another expensive undertaking in keeping our historic Church in good repair and protecting our beautiful stained-glass windows. Please consider making a donation to assist with this project.

**Pride Parade:** On July 27, Trinity continues our annual tradition of participating in the Pride Parade. Please join us to celebrate and strive for acceptance and equality of the LGBTQ+ community. It will be fun! All you need is a smile, and your own water in a recyclable bottle. Questions? Speak with Mim, Mary Ann, Jackie or Jane.

**Notes From the Archives:**

In 1916 the original church pews were replaced by the present-day church pews at a cost of \$3,202.00. Additional expenditures were: heating and plumbing \$3,145.63; alterations to the gallery and basement \$647.75; lighting upgrades \$399.61; new hymn books \$112.13 and organ repairs \$57.99.

**Sign-up Sheets:** Please make your way to the sign-up sheets at the Richmond Street entrance to offer your time and talents on Sundays through September 1. There are opportunities to light candles or read scripture or bring fresh flowers for the communion table. Your contributions in any or all of these areas are welcome!

**Worship Screens:** Please note that during the summer months (June 9 – Labour Day weekend), our dedicated volunteers who create our worship slides each week will be enjoying a well-deserved holiday. Heartfelt thanks to Barbara Prowse, Callista Tan and Wendy Wright for their time and talents throughout the program year.

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

**Don Fraser will be the featured organist** at St. Dunstan's Basilica Organ Recital series on Wed., July 24, 1 pm.

The very popular band, "Tip Er Back" is scheduled to perform at **Central Queens United Church, Hunter River**, on Thurs., Aug. 8 at 7:30 pm. This is a crowd-pleasing band to get your toes tapping and includes songs of Island life. Allan Betts, Clive Currie and Wade Murray (formerly "Kickin' Country") have performed Island wide with rave reviews. We are most fortunate to have well known performers Allison Giggey and Darlene Bradley appear as guests of the band. \$12 at the door with light refreshments served and cds available for purchase.

**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.

