

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



February 9, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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.

Thought for the day: "Don't try to overhaul your life overnight. Instead, focus on making one small change at a time. Over time, those small changes will add up to big transformation. Don't give up!"
Author unknown

The Gathering

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| Prelude | Voluntary in B Flat | Battishill |
| Words of Welcome | Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley | |
| Lighting of the Christ Candle | Caleigh Cameron | |

We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ.

**The light from this one candle shines
equally for each of us.**

We light this candle to remind us of the love of Christ.

**The light from this one candle shines
equally on all persons.**

Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Time in Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

The snow drifts around the door, ice reaches out into the lake,
the winds blow across fields and there is a freshness and
vitality to our world.

**We move through the changing seasons and
experience each in its time.**

This is our Creator's world, with songs and sounds, life and
light, change and growth.

**We rejoice in God our Creator. Let us gather now in a
time of worship.**

Introit Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU #374, vs. 1

**Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

Prayer of Approach

**In the cold air the sounds of winter ring crisp and
clear. May Your message ring also in our hearts this
day. Speak to us clearly of what we must do; show us
directly where we must serve; prepare us completely
for what lies ahead. We pray for Your presence, and
Your guidance, in our worship this day. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** Let There Be Light VU #679

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in our oh-so-busy lives, it is too easy to get caught up in what we are doing, saying, expecting. We confess that sometimes we run in all directions at once and forget to turn to You. It seems like we have time for everything but prayer and service. Forgive us. Save us from being overwhelmed by the activity and give to us Your presence and Your peace. Grant us the wisdom we need to live in these busy days. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Creator supports the hurting, comforts the needy, embraces those who seek new life. This is the message of love and hope, revealed through Jesus the Christ and offered to us.

Thanks for this love and hope!

Children's Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87, vs. 1-2

Time for All Ages

Children's Hymn I Am the Light of the World VU #87, vs. 3-4

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Barbara Stewart

Loving Eternal One, for generations You have spoken through the scriptures to Your people, our ancestors in the faith. Speak again today, as we hear the scriptures read. May Your Word come alive in us. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Congregational Psalm

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 13-20

Anthem

Sacred Waters

Martin

Spiritual Reflection

The Flavor of our Faith!

Response to the Word**Offering Invitation****Offertory**

Voluntary in A Minor

Boyce

***Presentation of Offering**

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

***Offering Prayer**

**Use these gifts for the continuing of Your ministry.
May the hands that bring these gifts be instruments of
Your love; may the feet on which we approach Your
table never stray from Your path; and may the hearts
that sing Your praises always be devoted to You. We
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sending Forth**Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Hear Us

VU #377

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer***Closing Hymn**

A Light Is Gleaming

VU #82

***Commissioning and Benediction**

Postlude

Hornpipe

Samuel Wesley

Greeters:

Head Greeter: George Neale

North Side: Enid Carter, Bev Bishop, Roger Gordon

South Side: Kathy Birt, Elizabeth Pippy, Bruce Fitchett

Balcony: David Younker, Alan Edwards

Clergy: Rev. Cathie Crooks

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer

Supply Minister: Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

Music Director: Donald Fraser

Custodians: Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Lorraine Worth on Feb. 10, to Isabel Scott on Feb. 11, to Barb Dalziel on Feb. 13 and to Alice Pigott on Feb. 15.

Congregational Pastoral Care is available during this review period by contacting Rev. Keith MacPherson at 902-969-6784.

Food Bank donations collected during the month of February will be given to the UPEI Food Bank. You can drop off donations during the week or on Sunday mornings. Most needed items are Kraft dinner, cereal bars, juice, canned meats and fish, and pasta.

Sock-it-to-'em-Sunday: The Outreach and Service Committee is collecting socks for Blooming House and Bedford MacDonald House. Please bring your donations of warm, all sizes, any colour, new or gently used socks on Sun., Feb. 16. Our children will collect them during the Children's Story Time.

2019 Tax Receipts are ready for pick up in our church office.

Sunday, February 16: Lectionary Readings – Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Trinity Events

UCW Unit 5, Tues., Feb. 11, 1:30 pm.

Worship Committee, Tues., Feb. 11, 4:30 pm.

AdHoc Committee, Tues., Feb. 11, 6 pm.

Weekly Meditation, Wed., Feb. 12, 4:30 pm.

Finance Committee, Wed., Feb. 12, 6 pm.

UCW Unit 2, Thurs., Feb. 13, 2 pm.

Weekly Pickleball, Thurs., Feb. 13, 5:30 pm.

Weekly Handbell Practice, Fri., Feb. 14, 4:30 pm.

Other Church and Community Events

Park Royal Valentine's Dinner: Please join us at Park Royal Church on Sat., Feb. 15 at 5:30 pm. Treat your honey to a fabulous meal, prepared by men, entertainment and decadent giant chocolate/white cupcakes for dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Please call church office to reserve yours today at 902-894-9656.

Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service: A 2020 World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Fri., Mar. 6 at 2 pm at Zion Presbyterian Church. This ministry of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC), brings Christians from more than 170 countries together in prayer for issues that affect women and children. This year the service was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, who share their experiences and concerns. The theme of the service - Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk - was chosen by our sisters from Zimbabwe to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. Members from nine churches of different denominations will be participating in the service. Refreshments will be served. Offerings collected will be used to provide grants that benefit women touched by injustice around the world. Info: Zion Church 902-566-5363, Mon-Thurs 9am - 2pm.

Camp Abby's Annual meeting is on March 11 at North Bedeque United at 6:30 pm. As with all Annual meetings, it's good to have stake holders join the conversation. Our congregations are our stake holders. We are asking for ONE person from each pastoral charge to join us for that meeting – no we won't give you a job or pressure you to be on the Board. We do need your input to help us in our planning and dreaming. Send your name and Pastoral Charge name to Pix Butt, pixmpc@bellaliant.net. THANK YOU!

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.

