



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

Order of Worship

July 16, 2017

Clifton 9 am Trinity 10:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



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. Greg Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

All Who Are Thirsty

MV #4

***Call to Worship**

The grace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Come, let us worship our God!

Silence

We come, O God,
with hungry hearts,
hungry minds
and hungry spirits.

**Help us to quiet ourselves,
to be still and know that you are our God,
the Creator of all that is good.**

We come, O God,
to praise and to pray;
to speak and to listen.

To offer ourselves and our gifts to you, our God.
May our hearts rejoice in you this day.

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore You VU #232

Prayer of Approach

**O God,
we gather together in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You,
and eager to hear Your voice.**

**Open our eyes and ears to the presence of your
brooding Spirit.
May the seeds of your Word scattered among us this
morning fall on fertile soil.
May the seeds take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest
of good words and deeds.**

**We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ,
our teacher and friend.**

**Our Father/Mother, 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**

Your Love Is Amazing

MV #26

Time with Children

Prayer of Confession

In those moments when we would rather not venture out,
**O God, grant us the courage to face the issues
and get going.**

At those times when we feel we can go it alone,
**O God, give us the joy of working with others
in the strength of faith community.**

When we feel that our efforts are falling on stony ground,
**O God, grant us the knowledge that patience
will win out and persistence will reap a reward.**

In the face of criticism and attempts
to devalue our faith and gifts,
**O God, give us a willingness to comfort our critics,
and the belief that our God-given abilities are
sufficient for the task.**

(Time of silence reflection)

When we feel apathetic and uncertain,
You will inspire us.

When we have lost confidence and lost our way,
You will affirm and direct us.
When we are anxious and fearful,
You will breathe peace into us.
Your peace, O God,
**The peace that goes beyond
All human understanding,
Is with us now and always. Amen**

Words of Assurance

Solo Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child Siobhan Armstrong

The Word

Genesis 25:19-34 Donna Gill/Willard MacKinnon

Psalms 119: 105-112 Part 5 VU page 841

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Solo Stuart MacKinnon The Call R. Vaughan Williams

Sermon The Cost of following an Irresponsible God

Response to the Word

***Hymn** We Are Pilgrims VU #595

Minute for Mission A Home at Last

Offering Invitation

Offertory O Master Let Me Walk With Thee MacPhail

***Presentation of Offering**

Offering Prayer

**Loving God,
accept these gifts
as thanksgiving
for your many blessings.
Accept these gift
as our commitment
to your kingdom.
Accept these gifts
and accept our lives.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn** Will You Come and Follow Me VU #567

Sending Forth

***Benediction**

Postlude

Ushers:

Head Usher: Carrie St. Jean

North Side: Melanie, Ellen & Erin Fraser

South Side: Craig and Choi St. Jean

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 & Charles Baglole

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Announcements

Happy Birthday to Lylagh Shields on July 18, and to Basil Ikede on July 19.

Donations have been made in loving memory of Lynne Johnston to Trinity's Restoration and Music Funds.

Readings for Sunday, July 23: Genesis 28:10-19b, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Trinity- Clifton Annual Gala Dinner event will be held this year on Sat., Sept. 30. Tickets for the dinner and auction will be sold later this month. Please reserve the date.

The Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group, to which Trinity belongs, is hosting a Social at Spring Park United Church on Sat., July 29 from 2 - 4 pm to celebrate the anniversary of the Abdulhey family's first year in Canada and to formally welcome Suliman and Sabah who arrived a few months ago. Everyone is welcome! Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

Jam season will soon be starting at Trinity, and we need 250 ml bottles, Liquid Certo and white sugar. If you can help, we would really appreciate it. If anyone is interested in learning how to make jam, or if you have other ideas for preserves, please contact Isabel at 569-2423.

Fundscrip cards will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the months of July and August between the hours of 8:30 am – 4 pm. And as always, at the Richmond Street door on Sunday mornings.

Other Church and Community Events

Coro Dolce, an auditioned classical choir from PEI, under the direction of Carl Mathis, is marking Canada's 150 birthday, with concerts showcasing vocal music from the 19th century, on Sun., July 16 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, and Sun., July 30 at St. George's Anglican Church in Montague. Concerts begin at 7pm; admission is by free-will offering.

Prince of Wales College Reunion: A reunion for alumni of Prince of Wales College will be held on Fri., July 28. The reunion will begin with a luncheon at UPEI at 12 noon. The alumni will then move to the Florence Simmons Performance Hall at Holland College for a reception followed by a program of story and song, emceed by Alan Buchanan. Participants will include five PWC alumni and the local ukulele group SMUG. There is no registration fee but pre-registration is required by July 19. To pre-register call Kathy Weatherbie at UPEI at 902-566-0687 or email kweatherbie@upe.ca.

West River United Annual Strawberry & Ice Cream Social: Join us for sandwiches, sweets, strawberries and ice cream on Wed., July 26, 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Also available will be our popular 'Take Something Home' Bake Table. Tickets: Adults \$10.00 and Children (under 12) \$4. For ticket information or questions contact Winnie MacArthur at ericandwinnie@hotmail.com or (902) 675-2462.

Summer Social: Meet your neighbours, past and present, at the Old Protestant Burying Ground cemetery at 270 University Avenue, on Tues., July 18, at 6:30 pm. Come and enjoy chatting with the Fathers of Confederation (Players), special music, and refreshments. Rain date: Wed., July 19.

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, Sears, Winners, Walmart
Electronics - Best Buy, The Source
Home and Garden - Home Furniture, Sears Home, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
Restaurants - Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, East Side Marios, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas

Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Sears
Travel, Fairmont Hotels

