



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



April 29, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome

Rev. Greg Davis

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Mason Rogers

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Quiet Preparation for Worship

***Introit**

Spirit of Life

VU #381 vs. 1

***Call to Worship**

Blessed be the name of God.

**Life bursts forth in the beauty of creation;
life erupts from the darkness of despair.**

Hope abounds in the promises given;
joy springs forth and sadness ends.

**Strength is found to face every tomorrow;
God’s wholeness brings healing to all.**

The world and all that is in it
glows with the glory of God.

***Hymn** Morning Has Broken VU# 409

Opening Prayer

**Gather us in, O God of Life,
as your own people.
Grant us open and believing hearts
where your love can take root and grow...**

**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 Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 vss 1-3

Time with Our Children

Hymn Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah! MV #121 vss 4, 5

The Word

Prayer for Understanding Alan Edwards

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31 VU #746 Parts 3 & 4

John 15: 1-8 Rev. Cathie Crooks

Anthem Brighter than the Sun Helgen

Sermon Cultivated by Love

***Hymn** Come Touch Our Hearts MV #12

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory

*Presentation of Offering

VU #538

For the Gift of Creation

*Offering Prayer

**To you who offers us new life,
we offer ourselves in loving service.
Use us as you will as part of your coming community,
springing to life in the very midst of our tired world.
Use us and our gifts, we pray.**

Pastoral Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn

To Show by Touch and Word

VU #427

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Greeters:

Head Greeter: David Younker

North Side: Austin & Isabel Bowman, Sylvia Gunn

South Side: Don & Jeanette Scott, Jean Peterson

Balcony: Miriam Lank, Alan Edwards

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

Today's bulletins are in loving memory of Alger Pollard, presented by Shirley and family.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of the late Herb Mason.

Sympathies of the congregation are extended to Gayle Mills on the death of her mother Jean Yeo.

Happy Birthday to Eva Forsyth on Apr. 27, to Sandrabelle MacEwen on Apr. 30, and to Colin Doiron on May 3.

During Rev. Greg's Sabbatical, we will be blessed with the ministry of Rev. Melanie Matheson and Rev. Anne Dalziel Singer. Rev. Melaney will share in Sunday worship and Christian Development for 15 hours per week and Rev. Anne will share in Pastoral Visitation for 6 hours per week.

Financial results: The following is our month-end financial results to Mar. 31, 2018 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.

Month ending	March	
	2017 Actual	2018 Actual
Offerings PAR	33,304	30,908
Offerings-loose & envelopes	27,070	26,071
Other revenue-(ie parking lot rentals)	15,483	15,291
Total revenue	75,857	72,270
Total expenses	132,370	110,934
Net Income (loss)	(56,513)	(38,664)

The clergy of Trinity-Clifton visit Queen Elizabeth Hospital every Thursday or Friday and more frequently upon request. They also visit members of the congregation who are in Palliative Care. They make home visits at times of serious illness, crises, or to support a grieving family. Please inform clergy if a visit would be welcomed.

Upcoming Trinity Events

Church Council meets on Thurs., May 3, 6:30 pm.

UCW Executive meets on Mon., May 7 at 9:30 am.

UCW General meets on Mon., May 7 at 10 am.

Tuesday Night Church Supper: There will be a Tuesday Supper on May 1 at 6 pm in the gym. Three nuns from Great Enlightenment Buddhist Institute will speak on their religion, why they came to PEI, and what they are building in Brudenell. Cost of the meal is \$10. Tickets are available after the service at the Richmond Street entrance or during the week in our office.

Trinity United Take-Out Lobster Supper: Our annual take-out lobster supper is being held on Wed., June 6, with pickup from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$22 and are available from UCW members, Trinity Men, our church office, and from Norman Carruthers (902-566-3007). Deliveries are available for shut-ins. Tickets will be available today after our service at the Richmond Street entrance.

Looking for an uplifting, inspirational and thought provoking read? *The Book of Joy*, by the Dali Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Abrams is the next selection for the PEI Social Justice Book Club. Our book club is part of the 2016 action plan of the Trinity Affirm Committee. Our mandate is to be an open forum to discuss relevant social justice issues that affect us all. Please join us in the parlor Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 to discuss how to find "lasting happiness in a changing world". "*The goal is to be a reservoir of joy, an oasis of peace, a pool of serenity that can ripple out to all those around you.*" *Desmond Tutu* For more information contact Monica Macdonald at 902 388-7780 or Bev Bishop at bevbishop71@gmail.com or check out our page on Facebook. All are welcome. Hope to see you there

Other Church and Community Events

Camp Abegweit will host a camp-opening day on May 5 starting at 9 am. The Board of Directors invites all churches to come and help get the camp ready for our 2018 season. A light lunch will be provided. If you would like more information or plan on attending please email Sharon Howatt at vshowatt@pei.sympatico.ca

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
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.

