

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



**March 15, 2020 10:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday in 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.

**Something to Reflect Upon:** "When God blesses you financially, don't raise your standard of living, raise your standard of giving." - Author Unknown

**The Gathering**

**Prelude:** Allabreve in D major BWV 589 (JS Bach)  
Priere de Notre Dame (L Boellmann)

**Words of Welcome:** Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

Jesus' life and ministry, the scripture stories and the experience of this season of Lent teach us the immense dimensions of God's grace,

**A grace that enfolds with comfort and healing, peace and promise, hope and nurture,**

As we acknowledge and imagine all of that, we also remember –

**Our faith gives us so much more. May the Christ light always shine in our hearts.**

## Lighting of the Rainbow Candle

### Acknowledging Traditional Territory

#### Call to Worship:

We came here because we have a need to be in this sacred place today.

**We are searching for the presence of God.**

We gather because our faith community is so important to us.

**We long to feel the support of our church family.**

We come because we are searching for reflection time.

**We wish to experience a spiritual awakening.**

And we come here because we believe we will find hope.

**Hope that you, Our Divine One, will stay by us no matter what.**

We gather to worship, to sing and to pray.

**We listen for the sacred words of love and the promises of renewal.**

#### \*Introit #415, vs. 1 "God We Praise You for the Morning"

**God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.**

#### \*Opening Prayer:

**Gentle and Loving God, you bring us a time of calm in the midst of the stress in our lives. You grant us hope when the world may seem dark. You call us always to live in Your light and to walk in Your way. Bless this time of worship and guide each one of us as we walk this Lenten road that leads us to the promise of Easter morning. Amen.**

#### \*Opening Hymn #427 "To Show by Touch and Word"

#### Prayer of Confession:

**Patient God, you call, but at times we don't listen. You direct, and we go another way. You challenge, and we get annoyed and question where you are trying to lead us. We crave power, and yet You come to us in our times of weakness. We look to authority, and You always grant us love. We seek safety, and You show us the cross to remind us of Your love. Compassionate God, forgive us. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

**Our Divine Creator accepts every one of us, and works in us by the power of the Holy Spirit to renew us. We are each a forgiven people. Amen**

**Children's Hymn: #291 vs. 1,2** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**Time for All Ages**

**Children's Hymn: #291 vs. 3,4,5** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**The Word**

**Prayer for Illumination** Reader: Heather Cameron

**Hebrew Scripture:** 1 Kings 8: 22-30

**Congregational Psalm** 24, Page 751

**Gospel Lesson:** John 4: 23-24

**Anthem:** "As We Come Together" (S. Pethel)

**Spiritual Reflection for Lent:** "Read the Signs!"

**\*Hymn #644** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

**Response to the Word**

**Minute for Mission:** "Sock it to `em Sunday!"

## Offering Invitation

**Offertory:** "See What His Love Can Do" (JS Bach)  
(aria from Cantata no 85)

**\*Presentation of Offering:** Tune #542

**These Lenten Gifts we bring, our living faith express.  
We offer them most lovingly,  
and thus our hearts are blessed.  
O loving God, receive these gifts we gladly give  
that show our faith and hope and trust;  
Your way we seek to live.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Loving God, we have learned that when we give away,  
it is good for us; and when we let go, we receive many  
blessings. So bless what we are letting go of this day,  
as you also continue to bless us. Amen.**

## Sending Forth

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn #238** "O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

Love generously, care compassionately. Love unselfishly,  
serve justly. Love faithfully, listen carefully. Pattern your life  
after the Christ, and then you will be truly blessed. **AMEN**

**Postlude:** "Postlude in D Minor Op 105 no 6" (CV Stanford)

## Greeters:

**Head Greeter:** Harvey MacEwen

**North Side:** Mary Cowper-Smith, Alan Brady, Anne MacEwen

**South Side:** Willard MacKinnon, Murray Cook, Chris Cook

**Balcony:** David Younker, Maurice Wood

**Supply Minister:** Rev. Doreen Bird-Daley

**Music Director:** Donald Fraser

**Custodians:** Lorraine Worth & Andy Gagnon

**Web Page:** [www.trinityclifton.org](http://www.trinityclifton.org) **Email:** [trinityunited@eastlink.ca](mailto:trinityunited@eastlink.ca)

**Phone:** 902-892-4114 **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri., 8:30 am – 4 pm

### **Announcements**

**Sympathies of the congregation** are extended to the family and friends of the late Berman Johnston.

**Today's bulletins** are in celebration of Lillian Locke's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday! Lillian is Ellen's mother and doting, loving grandmother of Luke, Charley and Colin. Surprise, Mom!!

**Happy Birthday** today to Jack MacPherson, to Logan & Kira Duckworth on Mar. 16, to Jean G. Burch on Mar. 17, to Patsy Mills on Mar. 18, to Roddie MacLean on Mar. 19 and to Ewen Stewart on Mar. 20.

**Prince Street Lenten Service and Luncheon** will take place this coming Wednesday, March 11, 12:10 pm at First Baptist.

**Notes from the Archives:** Thanks to Austin Bowman for the donation of papers, to the archives, related to his days as Clerk of Session, 1997-98. Although his term was for two years, he actually filled the role for four years. Before the reorganization of Trinity's governance structure, The Board of Session was the church body that looked after the spiritual needs of the congregation. Austin was born in North Wiltshire, attended PWC, graduated MacDonald College, Montreal and Cornell University, New York. He worked for the Federal government for 27 years. He is a long- time member of Trinity. Katherine Dewar, archivist for Trinity.

**Pick Your Favorite Hymns:** There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church – we invite you to pick your favorite hymn and then, on a Sunday in the near future, we will have more singing than we usually do during our worship service.

**Congregational Pastoral Care** is available as this pastoral charge moves towards healing by contacting Rev. Keith MacPherson at 902-969-6784.

**Food Bank** donations can be dropped off during the week or on Sunday mornings.

**The Trinity-Clifton Annual General Congregational Meeting** will take place after church on Mar. 29. The Worship & Stewardship Committees will serve lunch after worship. Those with last names from A to M are asked to bring sandwiches and those with last names from N to Z are asked to bring desserts. Please be willing to stay to help with the clean-up.

**Gift Cards** for gas, groceries, restaurants and department stores and more are available in our church office during the week and at the Richmond Street entrance before and after church.

**Sunday, March 22:** Lectionary Readings – 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

### **Trinity Events**

**Pastoral Care Committee**, Sun., Mar. 15, 11:45 am.

**Youth Choir**, Sun., Mar. 15, 11:45 am.

**Unit 5 UCW**, Tues., Mar. 17, 1:30 pm.

**Weekly Pickleball**, Thurs., Mar. 19, 5:30 pm.

**Weekly Handbell Practice**, Fri., Mar. 20, 4:30 pm.

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

The SDU Institute of Christianity and Culture invites everyone to a talk "**The Church on The Street**" by *Catholic Register* columnist Deacon Robert Kinghorn. The talk will take place at Jack Blanchard Hall, on Pond Street, 7 pm on Thurs., Mar. 19. Admission is free.

**Central Queens United Church**, Hunter River, is excited to announce the upcoming concert of Fiddlers' Sons on Sat., Apr. 4, at

7:30 pm. This band features the talented voices and music of Eddy Quinn, John B. Webster, Keelin Wedge and Courtney Hogan-Chandler. A "must experience" musical event! Admission: \$12 at the door with light refreshments served.

**Winsloe Players** presents "Family Antics", a three-act comedy, directed by Ivan Proude and Gordon Aten, April 15, 16, 17, 18, at the Carrefour Theatre. Doors open at 7 pm each evening, and the play starts at 7:30 pm. This production is a fundraiser for the QEH/Eastlink Telethon, supporting the purchase of a new CT Simulator for the PEI Cancer Treatment Centre at the QEH. Tickets: Adult - \$20, Children 12 and under - \$10 and are available at Proude's Shoes (902-894-3504), Winsloe Irving (902-569-0166), or the QEH Foundation (902-894-2425)

**Calling all fudge makers!** The Winsloe Players are graciously accepting donations of homemade fudge, to sell at intermission as an additional way to raise funds during their event. If you are able to donate this sweet treat to help raise money for the QEH please contact Barb Jenkins at 902-626-6313. Thank you!

**Spring Park United Church** will hold their annual giant indoor yard sale Sat., Apr. 25, 8 am–noon. The sale will include a wide variety of items such as: household items including furniture, bedding, curtains, decor, and crafts. We also will have sports equipment, books, and children's toys. There is \$1 admission for adults, children (under age 12) are free. We are gratefully accepting donations. Please call the church for drop-off arrangements (902) 368-1822.

#### Church Council Update:

Church Council has met several times over the past month following the Congregational Meeting with Regional Council Executive representatives on February 2, 2020. The council members felt it would be beneficial to provide an update on recent decisions pertaining to the Regional Council's Final Recommendations presented at that time.

In reference to Regional Council's recommendation #134, regarding congregant, Mr. Ken MacDonald, in which restrictions were placed on his future involvement with all church governing bodies: Council approved to reject this recommendation.

In reference to Regional Council's recommendation # 135, in relation to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Quarter Note Studio, Council approved to accept the Regional Council's recommendation to accept the resignation as was submitted on Jan 19, 2020 and effective April 18, 2020. A committee was established to review and prepare a new Agreement and Job Description for the Music Director



position. It was agreed by council that Don Fraser would have first right of refusal for this position.

In addition, Council recognized the right of Rev. Cathie Crooks to severance pay, and following a discussion concerning the events that have transpired over the past eight months, decided to waive the notification period and approved a six-month severance pay to support her in her future endeavours.

## 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.