

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Order Of Service

Sunday April 26, 2026

10:30 am

Prayers and songs in unison and people's responses are in **bold type**.

* Indicates to stand, if you are able.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We acknowledge that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional and unceded territory of the Abegweit Mi'kmaq First Nation. May we seek reconciliation and may all live in peace and harmony on this land.

THE CHRIST CANDLE:

This candle represents the undefeated light of Christ. May its light shine for us and through us to brighten the world.

May we always walk in this holy light.

THE RAINBOW CANDLE:

In lighting this rainbow candle we proclaim that all people are worthy of dignity, safety and a place at the table.

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING SONG MV 62 "There Is Room for All:

*There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing
there is room for all, sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing, "My refuge and my rock
in whom I trust." There is room for all,
there is room for all! (2x)*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

**There is One who knows our names
and our hearts.
The Lord is my shepherd.
There is One who walks with us
by the still waters and in the dark valleys.
The Lord is my shepherd.
There is One who will never
forget us or forsake us.
The Lord is my shepherd.
There is One who longs to give us
life in abundance.
The Lord is my shepherd.
We are indeed God's people
and the sheep of God's pasture.
We will enter into God's presence
with thanksgiving and praise.**

***HYMN VU 410 "This Day God Gives Me"**

OPENING PRAYER:

**God, we come to this place
to listen for your voice
and to seek what is true and good.
Give us wisdom now to tell the difference
between the world's strident sales pitch
and your invitation to abundant life.
Give us patience to persist when we find
ourselves with more questions than answers.**

**Give us humility to admit that what we know
is incomplete and imperfect, at best.
Give us courage to follow when you lead us
in search of justice and peace,
for ourselves and for all people.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CHOIR: River in Judea: Feldman

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Merciful God, we confess to you that
we have sinned and wandered far away.
We confess the sins that no one knows
and the sins that everyone knows;
the sins that shame and condemn us
and the sins we practise time and again
with ease and which disturb us less and less.
We confess our sins as a church:
We have not loved one another
as Christ has loved us;
we have not forgiven one another
as we have been forgiven;
we have not given ourselves
in love and service for the world
as Christ gave himself for us.
Grant us a true repentance, and forgive us
all our mistakes and shortcomings.
Help us change our lives
and to live at peace with you
and with one another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENCE

KYRIE ELEISON:

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and yet, God still loves us and dreams
of what we might be.
Thanks be to God.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ACTS 2: 42-47 Reader: Stephen Donaldson
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***METRICAL PSALM 23 pg 748 VU**

GOSPEL: St. John 10:1-10 Reader: Stephen Donaldson
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON: Living With the Good Shepherd

***HYMN MV 126 "Are You a Shepherd?"**

OFFERTORY CALL

***OFFERTORY HYMN MV 191 "What Can I Do?"**
*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. (2X)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

In the tradition of the first Christians,
we share our gifts so that the work
of this faith community may be supported
and your name may be glorified, O God.
All that we give, we offer in Jesus, name.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN VU 657 "He Leadeth Me"

*SENDING FORTH AND BLESSING

*DISMISSAL HYMN MV 90 "Don't Be Afraid"

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised, promised
to be always near.*

*N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort,
il est plus fort que votre peur.
N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort;
je vous ai promis,
promis d'être toujours là.*

*Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
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and I have promised, promised
to be always near.*

POSTLUDE

Minister: Rev. Dr. John Moses
Candidates for Ministry: Ellen Locke and Corina Anderson
Music Director: Donald Fraser
Office Administrator: Wendy Maxwell
Custodian: Andy Gagnon
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Announcements

Trinity-Clifton Vision Statement: *We are a joyful, welcoming, inclusive Christ-centered community of faith, reaching out to others, providing a safe space where we respect differences. We learn from the past and dare to change.*

Noon hour Bible Study will be on Tuesday April 28th. All are welcome.

Clifton Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 29th at 7:00 pm in the Manse.

Food Bank Drive - Helping Others in Our Community

The Outreach Committee will be focusing on the first Sunday of every month to have a Food Drive for UPEI and Holland College Students' Food Banks. Your donations of help are greatly appreciated. We have been told that some of the most needed non-perishable items would be pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, cereal, peanut butter and instant noodles such as indomie or ramen. Also, donations such as fresh vegetables or potatoes when possible are greatly appreciated! Anything you can give would be welcomed! The next Drive takes place on May 3rd. We are very thankful for any help you can give to this program.

The Kirk of St. James Lobster Chowder Take-Out

Pick-up on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 10:30 am to noon.

Each meal features a chowder bursting with lobster, scallops, shrimp, salmon, haddock and mussels, enveloped in a lobster flavoured cream broth, including skin-on potatoes, carrots, celery and leeks. Accompanied by a tea biscuit and a slice of deluxe raisin carrot cake with cream cheese icing. Limited gluten-free and lactose-free options available. Chowder is ready to re-heat and serve. Can be safely refrigerated for 48 hours.

12 oz chowder, biscuit and cake \$30.00

26 oz chowder, 2 biscuits & 2 slices of cake \$57.00

Order online: www.KirkChowder2026.fundraiser.support

or order through the Kirk office at (902) 892-2839. Order today and enjoy the Kirk's delicious new Mother's Day tradition!

Trinity's annual plant sale will be held on Saturday May 23, 2026, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. It is a little early to split your plants, but you can look around your property to see which plants you may want to reduce and donate to the plant sale. Also, again this year we will have the tool table, so if you have some tools you no longer need, please consider putting them in the plant sale. We can come and pick up your plants and tools; just call the office and we will make arrangements.

SPUC Presents Praise B in a free concert

Spring Park United Church is pleased to introduce its new worship group Praise B in a free concert! Come and enjoy some of your favourite gospel and pop tunes. All are welcome! Sunday, May 24th at 2 p.m. For more information, please contact Spring Park United Church at 902-368-1822.

The Outreach and Service Committee is once again collecting *Red Dresses*. If you have a red dress hanging in the back of your closet and want to loan or give away, we would like to hang it in the church for the month of May. If you are a Thrift Store shopper, please be on the lookout for red dresses. Thanks from the O & S Committee.

Can you help out in the life and work of Trinity-Clifton? If you would like to do some committee work, please contact Gordon Matheson (902-388-4857) or Mary Ann Burke Matheson (902-393-8378). We would be happy to discuss what may work for you.

If you are a frequent visitor to Trinity-Clifton and are not set up on PAR or do not have envelopes, we suggest you contact the office (902-892-4114) to be set up so you can take advantage of any tax benefit by receiving a Charitable Tax Receipt for your donations.

If you have recently moved or changed your phone number from a land line to a cell phone, please advise the church office so we can update our records.

If you are celebrating a significant birthday or anniversary soon, please contact the office.

Gift cards for the retailers listed below are available for purchase every Sunday after church, as well as every weekday at the church office. The proceeds go towards the work and cost of our programs and building needs. If there is a gift card that is not listed, please let us know and we will look into adding it to our gift card list.

Amazon	Indigo	Sobeys
Best Buy	Irving	Staples
Boston Pizza	KFC	Starbucks
Canadian Tire	Kent	Subway
Children's Place	M & M	Superstore
Cineplex	Marks	Swiss Chalet
Dollarama	McDonald's	Tim Hortons
Esso	Old Navy	Ultramar
Giant Tiger	PetroCanada	Wal-Mart
Home Depot	Shell	Wendy's
Home Hardware	Shoppers DM	Winners

Greeters for the month of April: Miriam Lank, Bruce Fitchett,
Anne Love, Mark Richardson

Scripture Readings for Sunday May 3, 2026:

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14