

Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns and Hilden United Churches
We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Organists: Old Barns--Beckie Burrows, Hilden--Edith Selwyn-Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Judy Loughhead

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly welcoming, caring, and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

April 20th, 2025
Worship Service
Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy
Happy Easter Sunday!

Music provided by - (OB) Choir Members

(H) Soloist Vicki Canton-Austin and Choir Members

Reader - (OB) Glenda Kent, (H) George Creelman

This Bulletin is dedicated to
Jack & June Yuill

(The Easter Lily in front of the pulpit is in their memory)

Forever remembered by their family,
grandchildren & great grandchildren

Prelude

Introit VU #175) "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Land Acknowledgement

As we begin, we acknowledge that the first peoples to pray and sing songs, to craft rituals and share stories, to worship and celebrate the presence of the Creator in this beautiful land are the Wabanaki peoples, for us the lands of the Mi'kmaq.

We gather on land that is, by law, their unceded territory. With gratitude, we acknowledge the elders, past, present and emerging. We seek to live in right relationship with our neighbors and to walk with respect in creation. (Regions East)

ALL MY RELATIONS.

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Centering Prayer

Call to Worship

The stone is rolled away and the tomb is found empty!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We are called to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Though doubt and fear are real, hope and love are triumphant!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ is Risen! Our lives are now witnesses to new life in Christ!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us worship Christ, risen from the dead!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn (VU #155) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

1. Jesus Christ is risen today - Hallelujah!

Death no longer has its way - Hallelujah!

At the dawn the women found - Hallelujah!

Empty tomb and hallowed ground - Hallelujah!

2. Truth to power Jesus spoke,

Caesar's wrath he did provoke.

"Love your God alone" he cried.

For this he was crucified.

3. Friends then scattered like scared sheep,

Mary at his cross did weep,

Earth and heaven mourned that day,

Brothers, sisters, kneel and pray.

4. But on Sunday - at the tomb,

Angel brilliance chased the gloom,

"He's not here," the angels said,

"Be no longer filled with dread."

5. Let us join those women, strong!

Let us share the gospel song.

Youth and children, women, men,

In us Christ shall live again. Hallelujah!

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Story Time (OB-Barb Miller)

Special Music (H-Solo by Vicki Canton-Austin)

"For Those Tears I Died" Words and Music by Marsha Pino-Stevens © 1969

(OB- Madi Stewart & Cindy Gilbert) "Easter Hallelujah"

Music by Leonard Cohen, words by Kelley Mooney, © 2010

Scripture John 20: 1-18

Special Music (H) "Christ Arose!"
Written by Robert Lowrey, Public Domain

(OB) "On This Day of Rejoicing" Text by Charlotte Lee, Music Based
on "Simple Gifts", Arr: by Douglas E. Wagner, © 2010 by Hal Leonard Corp.

Sermon "Christ is Risen"

Hymn (VU #166) "Joy Comes with the Dawn"

Offerings of the People

A New Creed (VU #918)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Table

Hymn (VU #477) "I Come with Joy"

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of liberation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you anointed Jesus of Nazareth, to challenge the powers, both spiritual and human, religious and political.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your Kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he challenged and angered the establishment in the name of justice and love.

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us courage for discipleship.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one in solidarity and mission. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING AND SHARING

Breaking of Bread and pouring the cup

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*unison*)

Loving One, we give you thanks for the feast we have shared.
May it bring us a deeper understanding of the depth of your love. May it bring us into full communion with all of your creation. And may it strengthen us to be the bearers of your love to the world this day and always. Amen

Hymn (VU #173) *"Thine is the Glory"*

Commissioning/Benediction

Sung Response (VU #179 Chorus)

"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"

Lectionary Readings Next Year - April 27th - Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Scriptures: John 20: 19-31

Theme: Easter 2: The Story of Doubting Thomas

Worship Services Schedule

Apr 27 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

May 4 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

May 11 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden - led by Worship Committee

11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - led by Kent Loughead and The Cliftones

May 18 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

May 25 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings -

Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

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Hilden - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

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Bulletin Announcements - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or

lougheadjd@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of services are available on the website under the heading "Worship". **All Policies** - (*Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms or Blessings*) are located under the heading "About Us".

Clerks of Sessions - to contact the Session with any questions or concerns regarding the Spiritual Life of the church or to request a baptism or wedding, please contact your Clerk of Session:

Old Barns - *Position to be filled.*

Hilden - *Position to be filled.*

Minutes for Mission playlists at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada

stories and photos on www.united-church.ca

Need a Drive to Church (OB) - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

Old Barns Treasurer - regarding church business or etransfer donations contact Bob Francis at oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Social Committee (OB) - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641.

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact either the Clerk of Session or the minister, Rev. Phillip Kennedy.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hilden Cards and Games: (all are welcomed)
April 25 (Fri) @ 1:00 p.m.

April 30th - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., **Annual General Meeting** for the **Hilden Cemetery Corporation** will be held at the church hall.

May 2nd & 3rd - Friday & Saturday, Hilden Church is having a **Baked Beans and Brown Bread Take-out**. \$14.00- pick-up between 2:00-5:00 p.m.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 26th - Saturday, 9:00 a.m., **Cemetery Clean-up**.
(Rain date May 3rd)

May 5th - Monday, 6:00 p.m., **Church Clean-up**.
(Rain date May 12th)

May 7th - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Old Barns Cemetery Annual Meeting in the Russell Room.

Old Barns Session is inviting interested folks to become part of a **'Visiting Team'** to check in on *community/church members* who may enjoy a visit from time to time. Please contact a session member (Laurie Sandeson, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Barb Miller, Phillip Kennedy) to add your name to this list. When we have some interested people, we will meet to go over the details.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A committee has been formed to develop a **profile of the Clifton Pastoral Charge**. Thanks to *Trish Reynolds, Wayne Fisher, Lorne Burrows, Beckie Burrows, Heather McCurdy and Gordie Miller* who will form this committee, with the power to add the expertise of others through this process. The Visioning Committee will pause during this time.

The Book - "*How We Learn to Be Brave*" by Mariann Edgar Budde. For those who may want to purchase this book, it can be found through **Indigo** (a Canadian company). There will be one book available in the church library.

May 3rd - Saturday, 7:00 p.m., **Cantabile Choirs** present **Chart Toppers & Showstoppers!** at the Truro First United Church.

May 10th - Saturday, 3:00 p.m., **Creative Voices Concert** at the Truro First United Church.

MORE CONCERTS at Truro First United - See email on bulletin board.

May 10th - Saturday, Noon - 2:00pm, **Mother's Day Tea**, Brunswick Street United Church. (See poster on bulletin board).

May 12-15 - Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education 2025, Tatamagouche Centre, Nova Scotia, **Coming Home to Earth: Embracing Kinship, Creation, and Community**. See bulletin board for more information.

May 24th - Saturday, 4:00 p.m., **IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's** is coming up at Civic Square in Truro. We know there are many people in our communities (and our churches) who are on the dementia journey, and many more who care for them. The Walk is one way for us to raise awareness and offer support to those affected by dementia. **Why not get a church team together to walk?** You'll find all the information you need at: www.walkns.ca. (See the Poster on the Bulletin Board)

June 10th - Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., **Trinity United** is planning to hold a **Special Service** celebrating the **United Church of Canada's 100th Birthday**. This email is being sent out to gain an idea of what your interest in this service might be. Of course all local Churches are invited to attend this service, even taking part if so desired. Any way you would like to participate, joining the choir, reading scripture, etc., would be fine. Please share this information with your congregation and get back to us about any interest you may have, and how many might be attending. You can reach us through email at trinityunitedob@gmail.com or by phone (902) 895-4188.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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