

**Clifton Pastoral Charge**

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

*We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge*

**Organist:** Old Barns – Beckie Burrows | Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith

**Bulletin Secretary:** Mallery Thomas

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

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**March 29th, 2026 | Palm Sunday Service**

**Minister** Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer

**Introit: 'Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery' VU #121 Verses 1, 3 & Special Lenten verse 5**

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Acknowledgement of Place –**

As we gather for worship, let us remember that this church is on land that is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**May we live with respect on this land and strive for peace and friendship with its people.**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Here comes the Lord, riding on a donkey! Come and See! We imagine the crowds, hear the shouts of Hosanna, and see the palm branches waving high on this Palm Sunday. We are filled with joy!

**All: Today we come with shouts of joy and recognition of you, Messiah, our Saviour and the One who shows up for us and all.**

One: This worship time invites us into a new space: of praise, of reflection, of waiting and seeing what will unfold in the story of Jesus.

**All: We praise God, made known in Jesus. We rejoice in this day that the Lord has made!**

One: Come now, let us worship the One who comes before us.

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response: 'Trust These Words' TLUS, 78. Lisa Waites, 2021.

**Opening Hymn: 'All Glory, Laud, and Honour' VU #122**

Time for All Ages

Special Music by Madelyn Stewart, 'Come to Save Us'

David Leonard & Leslie Jordan, All Sons and Daughters Band. Hosanna Music, Integrity, 2013.

Scriptures: Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: 'Jesus: A Model of Servanthood'

**Hymn: 'Give Me Oil in My Lamp', (See Insert)**

Songs for a Gospel People, 130. Anonymous. Traditional Music, 1951.

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem: 'Hosanna, Hallelujah!'

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Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving and Offering Prayer

**Musical Response 'Grant Us, God, the Grace of Living' VU  
#540**

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Closing Hymn: 'When They Heard that Jesus Was Coming'  
MV #128**

Benediction/Blessing

**Sending Music: 'Don't Be Afraid' MV #90 twice**

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## Booking

**Old Barns-** contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740  
or [rlhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto:rlhenderson8@hotmail.com)

**Hilden-** contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or  
Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Mallery Thomas  
[secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

Church bulletins & video of service 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 Session

**Old Barns** – Barb Miller

**Hilden** - Position to be filled

**Minutes for Mission** playlists at

[www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](http://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada)

Stories and Photos on [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

**Need A Drive To Church (OB)** - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

**Old Barns Treasurer** - regarding church business or e-transfer  
donations contact Bob Francis at  
[oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**Social Committee (OB)** - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641 (OB)  
Glenda MacDonald 902-897-6123 (Hilden)

**Visitation:** Please contact your pastoral elders  
Hilden - April Canton-Austin and Sheila Marshall  
Old Barns – Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller

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Contact L. Yuill with any questions. 902-893-3797

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