

Clifton Pastoral Charge
September 13th, 2026
Minister Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer
Theme: Creation Care

'God is a blossoming, a greening force.' Meister Eckhart



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Introit: 'Gather Us In' MV #7

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Place -

As we gather for worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship:

One: We are all creatures of God; our kin is all creation.

All: God brings us together, to worship and to praise God, with special care for our Mother Earth and mindful of the whole Cosmos.

One: The bee and the dragonfly, the snake and the snail, the otter and the bear, the whale and the seahorse, sacred siblings on this journey of life and faith join with us in lifting our spirits in song and in word to the Holy One, the Maker of earth, water, fire, and air, home and habitat to us all. Jesus himself sang the song of creation, rejoicing in how God cares for us all.

All: Let us come together to be open-hearted and open-minded to the web of life that joins us, strand to strand, the web of sacred life that God creates!

One: In our silence and in our words, in our intentions and our deeds of praise and thanksgiving, we come humbly to this time of worship, mindful of our relationship with all beings.

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response: 'Listen, God is Calling' MV #97

Time for All Ages – Barb Miller

Sacred Earth

Scripture #1 Genesis 1:9-13

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was

good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Brief Reflection

Pause & Question

Music/Hymn 'Each Blade of Grass' MV #37

Living Water

Scripture #2 Ezekiel 47:9,12

'Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.'

Brief Reflection

Pause & Question

Music/Hymn Like a Healing Stream' MV #144

Reviving Winds

Scripture #3 Ezekiel 37:11-14

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

Brief Reflection

Pause & Question

Music/Hymn 'Spirit God, Be Our Breath' MV #150

Empowering Fire

Scripture #4 Acts 2:1-4

'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.'

Brief Reflection

Pause & Question

Music/Hymn 'Fire of God, Undying Flame' VU #209 to the tune of #506

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response: 'Called by Earth and Sky' MV #135

Chorus only twice

Our Community Prayer – Active Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Music: 'Like a Rock' MV #92 (with actions)

Important Upcoming Dates

September 20 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

September 20 – 8:00am Breakfast | 9:00 am Terry Fox Walk

September 23 – 7:00pm Official Board Meeting in Hilden

September 27 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

September 27 – Craft Fair 1-4pm Old Barns

October 4 – 9:30 Old Barns | 11:00 Hilden

October 11 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

THANKSGIVING and COMMUNION

October 18 – 9:30 Hilden | 11:00 Old Barns

October 25 – 10:00 Joint Service in Hilden

** Pot luck sandwiches & sweets to follow. NO FISH OR SEAFOOD*

**This will be Rev. Darlene's last service*

August M&P Report

\$1,453 (this includes \$245 World Dev & Relief). Total \$16,502, which is up slightly from last year! Thank you so much to everyone who supports our Mission and Service in this challenging times. It is much appreciated. – Stewardship Committee

Thank you from the M&P Committee to all who volunteered to help prepare and print bulletins for Hilden and Old Barns over the summer months.

The M&P Committee is pleased to welcome Mallory Thomas back as our bulletin secretary, with the request that any announcements for the bulletin be sent to her by Wednesday evening at secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca. If you prefer

phone, please contact any member of M&P, and they will provide you a number to call. *Announcements will be reviewed on Thursday mornings and you will receive confirmation of receipt, or be contacted for clarification if necessary.

September 20th – Terry Fox Walk – 8:00am Breakfast | 9:00am Leaving From Church.

To Donate for Terry Fox Walk (There are a few options this year)

- visit www.terryfox.org | Follow Terry Fox – Run – Find a Run
- Click on Nova Scotia – Search Old Barns
- Direct Link: <https://run.terryfox.ca/129519>
- By Cheque: Attention Krista O'Conner, Unit 103, 3600 Kempt Road, Halifax Nova Scotia, B3K 4X8

- Please note: Cash can no longer be processed locally.

*Please feel free to contact Heather MacLeod at 902-897-4301 or by email at iceandadvice@eastlink.ca if you need help or want more information.

I hope you will donate generously, as this remains such a good cause.

September 27 – Clifton & Area Fall Market and Tea – 1-4pm with local vendors, Tea and Social

The UCW will have a table at the Fall Market, and are looking for donations of Homemade and Handcrafter items for the table. These can be dropped off at the church between 9:30 and 10:30am on the 27th, or contact Leslie at 902-890-4682 if you need to arrange a different time.

The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer can be reached by email at dr.dbrewer2008@gmail.com

Bookings

Old Barns – Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or
rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

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

Bulletin Announcements

OB/H - Mallery at secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca by
Wednesday noon.

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 – Barb Miller 902-895-6833

Hilden – TBA

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

(H) – contact Glenda MacDonald at 902-897-6123

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral
care visit, please contact

(OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh or Barb Miller

(H) Sheila Marshall or Wayne Fisher