

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

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

March 31st, 2024

Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Happy Easter Sunday

**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*

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) Marnie Smith (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh

Prelude

Introit *"Alive, Alive"* *Composer Unknown, Arr. © 1985 by John T. Benson Publishing Co./ASCAP*

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Land Acknowledgment

We give thanks today that we are able to worship on land that is the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, may we continue to seek ways to foster peace and friendship among all.

ALL MY RELATIONS

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, 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

Special Music (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.

(H) "Early on a Sunday" *Tune: Russell Kelso Carter, 1886 (Standing on the Promises) Text: Copyright 1999 Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.*

Scriptures John 20: 1-18

Sermon “*Christ is Risen*”

Hymn (VU #166) “*Joy Comes with the Dawn*”

Special Music (H) “*Christ is King*”

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Offerings of the People

A New Creed (VU #918)

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Table

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 (MV 122) “*This is the Day that God has made*”

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #179) chorus)

“Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks”

Postlude

Lectionary Readings Next Week - April 7th, Second Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: John 20:19-31

Theme: Doubting Thomas

Worship Services Schedule

Apr 7 - 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns, 11:00 a.m. in Hilden

Apr 14 - **9:00 a.m. in Hilden, No Service in Old Barns** (All are encouraged to attend *Truro First United Church* 10:30 a.m. where UCC Moderator will be guest speaker: The Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne)

Apr 21 - 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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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 - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Hilden - *Pam Henley* 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

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 e-transfer 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.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 3rd - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., **Walk With Me** each Wednesday morning where we will meet at the *Spirituality Circle* for a brief time before we walk around the church for 20-30 minutes. All are welcome.

April 3rd - Wednesday, **9:30 a.m.**, Old Barns UCW meet in the Russell Room.

April 4th - Thursday, 12:30pm - 2:00pm, **Bible Study** in Old Barns.

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Game and card days for April -

April 3rd (Wed.) at 10:00 am

April 19th (Fri.) at 1:00 pm.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14th - Sunday, **9:00 a.m. in Hilden, No Service in Old Barns.**

All are encouraged to attend the service at Truro First United Church at 10:30 a.m. where UCC Moderator will be guest speaker: The Right Reverend Dr. Carmen Lansdowne.

April 20th - Saturday, 3:00pm, **Talent Showcase** being held at St. Andrew's United, 55 King Street. See *Bulletin Board* for more info.

April 20th - Saturday, doors open at 8:00am -serve at 8:30am, **Men's Club Breakfast**. All are welcome to attend at McCulloch United Church, Harmony-Camden- 3321 Camden Road. Tickets for \$10 each, available by contacting Jim Moore at 902-895-2008.

June 8st, 2024 - Saturday, The **20th Anniversary** celebration of *Water of Life* will be held at Bible Hill Recreation Park, 38 Guest Dr. (off College Rd.) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a walk-a-thon, BBQ lunch, and wishing well.