

Clifton Pastoral Charge
September 20th, 2026
Minister Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer
Theme: God's People, Earth, and Justice

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

- Catherine of Siena, 14th century mystic and Doctor of the church

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: God is calling! Will we listen? Will we hear?
What does God say to us?

All: We listen to the scripture for what God says. We listen to our neighbours for their perspectives on justice and compassion. We not only listen to them, but we love them, too!

One: God is calling us to come near, to sit down, to reflect, to pray, and to act as we come to this worship.

All: We come open to God to grow in our awareness and in our engagement with the whole earth.

One: Listen, God is calling, in this worship time. Let's lean in close so we can hear what God is saying!

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

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

Time for All Ages – Rev Darlene

Scriptures, Music, & Reflections

Exodus 16: 4-12

'Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared

in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’

Reflection #1

Hymn: ‘Let All Things Now Living’ VU #242

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I

am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’^[a] ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”^[c]

Reflection #2

Hymn: ‘Could It be that God is singing’ TLUS #117

The Metta Prayer

May all beings be peaceful.

May all beings be happy.

May all beings be safe.

May all beings awaken to the light of their true nature.

May all beings be free.

Reflection #3

Hymn: ‘We Are Pilgrims’ VU #595

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response: ‘Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary’

MV #18

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

Benediction

Sending Music: ‘Draw the Circle Wide’ MV #145 Just the chorus twice

Important Upcoming Dates

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*

**Old Barns Congregational Meeting for Sept 27, 2026,
after 11:00 a.m. church service concerning repairs
needed to be done:**

- a) Side Steps**
- b) Painting of front doors and archway**
- c) Replacement of 4 windows on the north side of Fellowship Hall; 1 window in the downstairs kitchen; 1 window by the heat pump**

Please wear ORANGE for our September 27th worship service, as we mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, coming up on September 30th. This is a way of showing our solidarity with indigenous communities across

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