

*Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns & Hilden United Churches*

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer
Organists: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows; Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

Sunday, August 2, 2026
Joint Service in Old Barns

Introit VU # 376 vs 1 Spirit of the Living God

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ and Diversity Candles

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

We come to see, taste, and hear the goodness of God, the one who feeds the hungry and gives drink to the thirsty!

God provides for us in this worship. May we feel inspired through worship to go out to the world and provide as Jesus did, for all.

God is Our Creator, Our Source, who sees the disparity in the world and calls us to justice in the name of Jesus. Jesus spoke truth to power, as do many communities in our time.

We follow in Jesus' way, empowered, hopeful, and ready to share this vision.

Then come and worship God who lives where two or three are gathered in God's name. Amen!

Opening Hymn VU # 307 Touch the Earth Lightly

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response MV # 62 There Is Room for All

Time for All Ages Barb Miller

Scriptures Isaiah 55: 1-5
Matthew 14: 13-21

Sermon Lessons in Love and Justice

Hymn "Christ has No Body Now but Yours"
based on the prayer by Teresa of Avila
played and sung by Reg Hendereson

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response TLUS # 60 There's Enough for All

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU # 355 For the Crowd of Thousands

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music VU # 376 vs 2 Spirit of the Living God



Photo taken by Rev Nancy Best at the Sea of Galilee, specifically at Seven Springs, the place where the miracle of the loaves and fishes is said to have taken place.

The name of the place is carved in Greek (top) and Hebrew (bottom) on the rock. Thanks to Nancy for the use of this photo.

Summer Worship Services Schedule – Joint Services at 10:00 a.m.

August 9	Hilden
August 16	Old Barns
August 23	Hilden
August 30	Old Barns

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

Bookings

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

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

Bulletin Announcements - contact Leslie at 902-890-4682 or secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca 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 – 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 e-transfer 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) April Canton-Austin or Sheila Marshall

In our worship today, we are listening to a song with words from a prayer written by St. Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582). Here are the words on which the song is based. Please listen and reflect as Reg sings and plays for us. Thank you, Reg!

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Born in Spain, Teresa entered a Carmelite convent when she was eighteen, and later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer, and writer who experienced divine visions.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13 – 3:00 p.m. First United is honoured and excited to be hosting internationally acclaimed organist Xavér Varnus for an afternoon organ recital on Sunday, August 16 at 3pm. Organist, improviser, author, lecturer and media personality, Varnus has had a dramatic impact on audiences' acceptance and appreciation of organ music. Over the course of his career, Varnus has played live to more than seven million people worldwide, recorded fifty-three albums, made sixty concert films, and written five books. Although he has been living in Nova Scotia for several years, this concert will be a part of his final tour before returning home to Europe.

Tickets to this must-see concert are only available online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-iconic-organist-xaver-varnus-plays-bach-in-truro-nova-scotia-tickets-1993208827258>