

Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns and Hilden United Churches
We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy **Ministers: All of Us!**

Organists: Old Barns--Beckie Burrows, Hilden--Edith Selwyn-Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Judy Loughhead

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

January 24, 2021

Music provided by (OB) Laurie Sandeson & Kent Loughhead

(H) George Creelman & Ron Patterson

Readers - (OB) Trudy Johnson

(H) Gail Sexsmith

***(Masks must be worn at all times during service
except by the Minister and Reader)***

Prelude

Introit (MV) #85 *"Take, O Take Me as I Am"*

Welcome, Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Statement of Reconciliation

As we gather in this place, we remember with gratitude that we live and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq.

May we live with respect on this land, and in peace and friendship with its people.

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Prayer

Call to Worship

Come, Let us hear the words of Jesus

We hear and answer the Call

Come, let us embody a different Way

We join the journey of transformation by following Jesus

Come, let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn (VU) #509 *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*

Storytime 'Ben Smiley'

Special Music -

(OB) *"We Are Called"* by David Haas © 2000 Music Notes, Inc.

(H) (MV #172) *"God Says"*

Scripture Mark 1: 14-20

Sermon *"The Challenge of Fishing"*

Hymn (VU) #563 *"Jesus, You have Come to the Lakeshore"*

Minute for Mission

Offerings of the People

A New Creed (VU #918)

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.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn (VU) #575 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can use Me"*

Commissioning/Benediction

Sung Response (VU) #424 *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*

Postlude

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 7th - Sunday, The **Hilden Annual Meeting** will held following the Worship Service on February 7th. Signing up for church will be signing up for the meeting.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 9th - Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., **Joint Annual General Meeting** of the Clifton Pastoral Charge will take place. Please contact Karen Archibald-Waugh to **Register** if you plan to join us by zoom or by phone.
karen_archibaldwaugh@outlook.com OR 902-893-3075

Especially in our prayers: (Please email Judy at lougheadjd@gmail.com)



INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Cobequid Interfaith Council will be hosting an **Interfaith Worship Service** on February 7, 2021. This service is held annually during the first week in February as part of the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week. This years' service will be held at **3:00 pm at First United Church**, 711 Prince Street in Truro. We will follow Nova Scotia's Covid-19 in-person protocols which means people must register in advance to attend. Members of the Cobequid Interfaith Council represent several faith traditions that are practiced by residents of central Nova Scotia. The theme for our 2021 Interfaith Worship Service is "UNITY THROUGH DIVERSITY". This theme supports the fact that all faith traditions have many things in common. The Council promotes interaction between faith groups to empower people to explore faith and spirituality in positive, inclusive ways within our local communities. The public is invited to attend this Interfaith Worship Service. For more information you can call Dick Cotterill, Chair of the Cobequid Interfaith Council (902-893-4588) and to register to attend, please call First United Church: 902-895-8098.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week -

Scripture: Mark 1: 21-28

Message: Authority and Exorcism

Worship Services Schedule -

All services will be videotaped and available on the website – cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Jan 24 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Jan 31 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

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

Feb 14 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings for Hilden - contact Frank Arseneau at 902-897-4080

Bookings for Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or rhenderson8@hotmail.com

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".

We now have a Facebook page. Search for Clifton Pastoral Charge. Be sure to select FOLLOW.

Clerks of Sessions - if you need 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 902-895-4008

Hilden - Elva Haggarty 902-895-4760

Minutes for Mission playlists at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada stories and photos on www.united-church.ca

Need a Drive to Church (OB) - Contact Reg at 902-895-5559 or Gordie at 902-895-6833

Social Committee (OB) - contact Kathie Chisholm at 902-895-0719

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-818-4727 (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.

FOLLOW ME

I met this preacher from Australia
He read the Bible searching for its dominant themes
And he counted 87 times when Jesus said... "Follow me."
Well you know that got me thinking
Maybe that's the bottom line of what "Christian" means
'Cause "I follow Jesus" is deeper than "I believe"
'Cause it don't take much to mentally agree
With a set of beliefs written down in some creed
Now don't get me wrong,
we need to know what we believe
But lately I've been wondering...

(Chorus)

Am I following Jesus, or just believing in Christ
'Cause I can believe and not change a thing
But following will change my whole life
He never said, come, acknowledge my existence
Or believe in me I'm the 2nd person of the Trinity
But 87 times he said... Follow me

But if I'm a follower of Jesus,
Then why am I such a good life insurance risk?
And why, when I do my giving,
do I still keep so much when so much hunger exists?
And if I follow Jesus, then why do I have so many friends
among the affluent, and so few among the poor?
And if I follow Jesus,
why do missiles and guns make me feel more secure?
And it don't take much to mentally assent
To a statement of faith we can confirm and forget
But following will change our lifestyle if we get it and
more and more I'm wondering...

(Chorus)

(Bridge)

Yes, we need to know what we believe,
to follow the Jesus who's real
God save us from the Christ's we create in our image
(you know what I mean...)
The Jesus who's as left wing or right wing as we
The one who baptizes our cherished ideologies
The one who always seems to favor our side
against some enemy

Now I don't mean to sound self-righteous
God knows I've got more questions than answers to proclaim
But its been over 20 years now since Jesus called my name
So forgive me if I'm mistaken
But there's something wrong with a lot of churches
in America these days
And I think the Spirit's trying to tell us
There's a question that the churches need to raise...

(Chorus)

Are we following Jesus? Or just believing in Christ?
'Cause we can believe, and not change a thing
But following will change our whole life
He never said, come, acknowledge my existence
Or believe in me, I'm your first class ticket to eternity...
But 87 times he said... Follow me...

Credits:

Music & Lyrics By Bryan Sirchio
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