

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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"The Mission of Topsail United Church is:

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God's creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church."

Ministers:

The Congregation

Clergy:

Rev. Bruce Kearley

Congregational Designated Minister:

Steven Rogers

Office Manager:

Lynn Mercer

Caretaker:

Roger Richards

Youth Band Director:

Brett Vey

Vocal Director:

Rosalind Foley

Musical Ensembles:

Youth Band

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SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! Camping is one of the biggest youth ministries in the United Church. Camps do everything from building campers' confidence to growing leaders in our church. Each summer at United Church camps, over 20,000 children across Canada come together to create relationship in community; relationships with one another, with creation, and with God. We invite you to participate in this Camping service as a time to renew our call to Sabbath—the call to silence the chaos of our lives and re-enter God's creation.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: We are summoned here by our holy God,

All: **Who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

One: From home and community, from camps and classrooms,

All: **We are called into God's presence.**

One: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken,

All: **We hear our names being called to join in worship.**

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

All: **Unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!**

HYMN: #409 “Morning Has Broken”

WORDS OF WELCOME | CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

SYMBOLS OF CAMP:

A space to learn and grow

Presentation of a plant

A space to try new things

Presentation of an archer's bow

A space to pass on our story

Presentation of a Children's Bible

A space to connect with nature

Presentation of a campfire log

A space to forgive and forget

Presentation of a peace flag

A space to be still and listen

Quiet reflection

A place to make new friends and build community

Children assemble near Christ candle

A space to connect with God

Christ candle is lit

A space to just be welcome to worship

PRAYER: (Unison)

Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along the forest's edge into oneness with you. May we follow faithfully the way of Jesus in this and all the paths of our lives. Amen.

TALK TIME

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

REFLECTION: The Go Project! Sharing Our Experiences
(Olivia Sharpe and Katelyn Mayo)

HYMN: #256 “O God Beyond All Praising” (v. 1 & 3)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 17:7–8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear

when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

John 4:14

But whoever drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. The water that I give them will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

BACK TO CAMP!

HYMN: #289 "It Only Takes a Spark"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: O Lord our God, we give thanks for the songs and stories heard around the campfire, and we lift our song to you:

All: **Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay ya;**
Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay ya;
Someone's praying, Lord, kum bay ya,
O Lord, kum bay ya.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN: #577 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

