

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
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Nicole Ivey-Cross
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

November 1st, 2015

Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! For Christianity, the instruction to love God and others grows out of the relationship between God and ancient Israel. The Hebrew scriptures are filled with declarations of God's love for humankind, and stories of people's amazing love for others. Indeed, we are told that being loving is the most important thing of all.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Gather Us In" (MV7)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Listen, O people, God is one: and you shall love your God with all your heart, and soul, and mind, and strength.

All: We have come to worship God!

One: Listen, O people, the second commandment is like the first: you should love your neighbour as you love yourself.

All: We have come to worship God!

One: Loving God, our neighbour, and ourselves is more important than anything else.

All: We have come to worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Worship the Lord! (worship the Lord)
Praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!

Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

We give you thanks loving God, for your presence in our lives wherever we go and for people in our community who bear your presence to us. In turning us toward you, O God, turn us toward one another. Amen.

HYMN: #288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Ruth 1: 1-18 (Ruth chooses to go with Naomi.)

Mark 12: 28-34 (Which Commandment is the first of all?)

SERMON:

HYMN: #326 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

With these gifts, O God, we express a small portion of our love for you, and for our neighbours. Take what we offer and use it to help fill the world to overflowing with your abundant goodness. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

AHTHEM: "Bread of Life, Broken and Shared" (MV 197).

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION: (in unison)

One: We come before you in confession, O God, knowing you always receive us as we are. For those times when we have forgotten you, or neglected you, when we have not loved you,

All: forgive us, loving God.

One: For those times when we have not loved our neighbour, when we have ignored the needs of those around us, or when we have sought ways to diminish the worth of others,

All: forgive us, loving God.

One: For those times when we have not loved ourselves, putting ourselves down, always sacrificing our own needs until we reach the point of resenting others,

All: forgive us, loving God. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung #959)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)
(Communion is shared)*

HYMN: #333 "Love Divine, all loves excelling"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Love is the Touch" (MV89)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Today's bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and donated

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*In Loving Memory of
Daughter & Sister
Debbie Rideout
forever loved & missed
by Parents Diane & David
Brother & Sister
Douglas & Donna*

A gift has been received for the Roofing Fund

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*In Loving Memory of
Gustav Frey
from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark and Scott Richards*

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