

## TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

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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**

- **Youth Program Coordinator:**

**Heather Cronhelm**

- **You Band Director:**

**Brett Vey**

- **Musical Ensemble:**

**Inspiration Band**

**Courage Choir**

- **Office Manager:**

**Jacqui Kennedy**

- **Caretaker:**

**Roger Richards**

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**November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**

***Reign of Christ Sunday/Universal Day of the Child/  
Transgender Day of Remembrance***

### **SERVICE NOTE**

*Welcome as we gather together on the Universal Day of the Child and Transgender Day of Remembrance. We take time to consider today how we may work together as God's people to make the world a better place for all children in our world.*

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive) Brianna Reid

What does the Lord require of us?

**To seek justice, to love kindness,  
And walk humbly with our God.**

Who are we called to be?

**We are called to be the church:  
To celebrate God's presence,  
To live with respect in creation  
To love and serve others.**

Why do we gather for worship?

**We gather as an outpouring of gratitude and awe  
And a practice of opening ourselves  
To God's still, small voice of comfort, and  
To God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

Let us worship God together!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** (sing twice)

***Draw the circle wide, Draw it wider still***

***Let this be our song, no one stands alone,***

***Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison) Jona Hodder

Creator God, you have made each of us in your own image,

And yet we fail to reflect your love and justice.

You have created every child in your image,

And yet we don't treat every child as a precious reflection of you.

We see some children as valued treasures,

And others as lost causes.

We invest our time and money, and hopes in some children,

While we squander the potential of others.

Open our eyes, we pray to see that every child

Is made in your image and belongs to you.

Help us to love, protect, and nurture all children.

We pray these things in the name of the One who came to us as a child.

Amen

**HYMN: VU #366 *Like a Child***

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 Shauna Collins

Luke 2:41-52 Alexandra Moss

**Ministry of Music : the Courage Choir & the Inspiration Band**

***Highway of Heroes by The Trews***

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN: *Peace for the Children* (see insert)**

**OFFERTORY:**

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away

Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any

Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many – they'll roll all over the floor!

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away

Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

God bless these gifts we bring you. Give them something kind to do. May they help someone to love you. God may we love you too. Amen

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer: *in unison***

Holy Mystery, You speak to us words of comfort and words of challenge, Words that are subversive, powerful, explosive, and sometimes confusing. You call the meek, the physically weak, and the downtrodden fortunate, And you promise that the hungry will be fed And the thirsty will be given something to drink. Yet we are surrounded by stories of children who are living in poverty. Children who do not have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. We pray for these children, especially those unknown to us, we gather our prayers of concern for ourselves and for the world and offer them to you.

*(moment for silent prayers )*

We continue to pray as Jesus taught us.....

**HYMN: VU # 375 *Spirit of Gentleness***

**Commissioning** (*read responsively*)

Friends, what does God require of us?

**To seek justice, to love mercy**

**And to walk humbly with our God**

And if Christ's disciples keep silent?

**The stones will shout out!**

May God bless our witness, life and work,

**And may the spirit guide us in the way. Amen**

Prayers for this service have been taken from the *Bread Not Stones* Worship Service found on [united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

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**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

In loving memory of  
***Marjorie Miller***  
by Douglas & Elsie Wells

In loving memory of  
***loved ones***  
by Bill Cox

In loving memory of our dear mothers  
***Mary Roberts Martin & Sheila Annette Corbett***  
by Gillian & Ken Corbett

In loving memory of a dear friend  
***Marjorie V. Miller***  
by Hilda Mercer

In loving memory of  
***Marjorie Miller***  
by Eleanor Nolan

In loving memory of  
***Marjorie Miller***  
by Ivan & Darlene Dawe

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### ***Peace for the Children - More Voices #149***

Peace for the children, peace, peace.  
Peace for the children we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace,  
We work for healing,  
We work for peace;  
Peace for the children today.

Peace in our families, peace, peace.  
Peace for our families we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace,  
We work for healing,  
We work for peace;  
Peace for our families today.

Peace for the nations, peace, peace.  
Peace for our nations we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace,  
We work for healing,  
We work for peace;  
Peace for the nations today.

Peace in the soul, peace, peace.  
Peace in the soul we pray.  
Following the path of One of peace,  
We work for healing,  
We work for peace;  
Peace in the soul today