

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.”
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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Youth Program Coordinator: | Heather Cronhelm |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Mixed Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

November 6th, 2016

25th After Pentecost/Remembrance Day Commemoration/Communion

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! As disciples, we follow a God whose loving care extends to all people. God is faithful and trustworthy, strengthening us in times of trouble. Our response is worship and praise. We bless God’s holy name. We proclaim God’s mighty acts from one generation to another. As we honour those who have fought and died for peace in every generation, we place our trust in God to be with us in times of trouble and pray and work for peace in our world today.

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: “We Gather Here” (VU469 – v.1)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive - Inspired by Haggai 1:15b–2:9)

One: Take courage, all you people of the land! “Take courage,” say the prophets of old.

All: **Even today, we need courage to face the challenges of the world in which we live.**

One: “God’s spirit abides among you! Do not fear,” says the prophet of old.

All: **God has said, “I am with you.”**

One: God is with us; God is with all of us; God is with us in all our ways.

All: **With God abiding among us, let us worship and give thanks.**

“O Canada”

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

HYMN: #806 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 1-3)

One: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

LAYING OF MEMORIAL WREATH MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Candle lit for Peace)

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, children all are we;
let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
with every step I take let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

HYMN: #806 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (verses 4-6)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

We extol you, O God – we offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We recognize your glory in our world, and thank you for the grace we know and experience each day. Freely, we are able to offer our prayers of praise; in honesty and joy, the words rise from our hearts and our voices. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 145 (#866 – VU)

Matthew 25: 34-40

SERMON: "God is Near All"

HYMN: "To God Be The Glory" (printed)

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:

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "You Are My Body" (MV 200)

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION:

With the life of Jesus as a vision before us, we recognize the ways we have yet to be reflections of Christ. Resting in your loving grace, we consider our efforts, may they be more committed to justice. We consider our concerns, may they be more focused on the essentials. We consider our spirituality, may we be more free to live in the way of Jesus. We consider our actions, may they be more loving and compassionate. We consider our vision, may it be more challenging for your sake. (*silent reflection*) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS

BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (sung #959)

(Communion is shared)

HYMN: #713 "I See A New Heaven"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Bread of Life ..." (MV194 – v.3)

"Ode to Newfoundland" & "God Save The Queen"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

In loving memory of
Cyril Butler 166RA
by wife Joan

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory-great things He hath done! So loved he the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come
to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory great
things He hath done!**

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(Repeat Chorus)**

Great things He hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. **(Repeat Chorus)**