

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
- Youth Program Coordinator	Brett Vey
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

October 1st, 2017

World Communion Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! This day is observed in many parts of the world, although not by all churches. Some denominations produce special worship and learning resources for this day, and some ecumenical agencies encourage churches to acknowledge that on this day, perhaps more than any other, Christians around the world are – symbolically – gathered at a common table.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Like A Healing Stream" (MV144)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Light, Love, and liberty are the gifts of God.

All: We come in peace.

One: Bread, wine, and friendship are the gifts of Christ.

All: We come in joy.

One: Wisdom, compassion, and grace are the gifts of the Spirit.

All: We come in hope.

One: Let us worship God!

(Written by **Robin Wardlaw**, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont. *Gathering*, Pentecost 2, 2017, page 41. Used with permission)

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
but we are a part of the family. (R)

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God, we thank you for words and actions that tell the story of who we are and from where we have come. We thank you for the abundance of your gifts, and for the ability to find something extraordinary in unexpected places. God, may we uncover something special in this sacred time together. Amen.

HYMN: #457 "As We Gather at Your Table"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 78 (#792)

Matthew 21: 23-27

SERMON:

HYMN: #471 ""Eat This Bread and Never Hunger"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

With humility we share these offerings with the church to further our ministry as a church dedicated to your service. With hope, we offer our gifts with each other so that together we can be more like Jesus. With love, we offer our praise and dedication to you, always. Amen!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: "Come Be Fed" (Ruth Elaine Schram & Celsie Staggers)

GATHERING PRAYER:

CONFESSION:

O God, giver of mercy, In Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger often prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness often inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us and fill us with your meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. (silent Confession) 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: #651 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Go, Make a Diff'rence" (MV209)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of husband & father

Fred Button

In our hearts forever, we love and miss you so much

Love wife Betty, son Cory and family

In loving memory of a wonderful mom,

Georgina Eveleigh

Forever loved by Rosalind, Ben & Family