

# 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Youth Program Coordinator</b>	
- <b>&amp; Band Director</b>	<b>Brett Vey</b>
- <b>Youth Band &amp; Choir:</b>	<b>Courage &amp; Inspiration</b>
- <b>Sound:</b>	<b>Stephen Stone</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqui Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Greeters:</b>	<b>The Bungay Family</b>

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***October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

***World Food Sunday***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

Today we celebrate World Food Sunday. World Food Sunday was founded by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Quebec City in 1945. It is observed in more than 150 countries as a way to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition and food insecurity. Today, on World Food Sunday, let us rededicate ourselves to living in right relationship with our neighbors and with the earth, saving lives and creating a more just food system for all. We can and must help end hunger and in so doing, be good stewards of God's creation.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **The Musical Prelude:**

- Sally Gardens - Inspiration
- Chime Dream - Courage

## **Call To Worship lead by Jona Hodder:**

One: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

**All: With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity – with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.**

One: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

**All: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.**

One: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

**All: Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given us.**

One: Praise be to God.

## **Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #460 - "All Who Hunger"

## **Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:**

### **Prayer of Approach lead by Erin Burt: (In unison)**

Holy God, we know that we live in a world of plenty, with food sufficient for all. Help us to realize that there is enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed. Give us hearts of compassion, unselfish concern and loving care, that all may have the abundant life which is thy will. When we offer all that we have, we know that in thy hands there is enough and to spare, O God of the hungry crowd and of the twelve basketsful left over. Amen.

## **Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #227 - "For the Fruit Of All Creation"

## **Talk Time:**

### **We Listen To God's Word**

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 65: 17-25

Matthew 14: 13-21

Brooke Fowler

Shannon Collins

## **Ministry of Music:**

"Heal The World"

Courage and Inspiration

**Reflection:**

**Congregation Sings:**

Hymn #600 - "When I Needed a Neighbor"

**Minute For Mission:**

**Offering:**

"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" performed by Courage

**Congregation Sings:**

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:**

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in the world — nowhere near enough to save the thousands now dying of starvation and malnutrition. Yet we bring what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, we ask that You would multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:**

**Hymn:**

Hymn #575 - "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**Musical Postlude:**

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

In loving memory of my cousin  
**Peter Pollard**  
from Hilda Pollard-Milley