

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 |
| - Youth Program Coordinator | Brett Vey |
| - Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Members of Aurora
Women's Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqui Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |

October 29th, 2017

Reformation Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! On Reformation Day the church honours Martin Luther and other reformers of the sixteenth century, and reformers of every age. Luther's teachings focused on the promises of scripture, emphasizing that the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to speak God's word to us, and that we receive God's grace through our faith in Christ. This is the truth that makes us free. Our life in the Body of Christ is shaped by this gift of freedom.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Confitemini Domino/Come and Fill Our Hearts" (Jacques Berthier)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: O God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

One: A thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

One: You satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love.

All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God.

One: We praise you and your glorious power.

All: From forever in the past to forever in the future, you are God, and we worship you.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

I Love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love,
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

Still our hearts, O God, and make us aware of your loving presence. Open our hearts to your teachings, that your ways might become our ways in every moment of our lives and with every beat of our hearts. Amen.

HYMN: #264 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 46 (#77- - VU – responsive)

Matthew 22: 34-46

AHTHEM: “Ave Maria” (Joshua B. Himes)

SERMON:

HYMN: #401 “Worship the Lord” (verses 1-3)

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)

Giver of Life, prosper the work of our hands in faith. Prosper the work of our gifts offered in gratitude. Prosper the joy of our life in following the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #649 "Walk With Me"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

BENEDICTION: (sung) "Somewhere Above the Clouds" (Ruth Elaine Schram)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

Welcome to the Aurora Women's Choir: We would like to thank Beth, Andrew and members of the Aurora Women's Choir for leading us in Worship today.