

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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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	
- And Band Director:	Brett Vey
- Youth Band & Choir:	Courage & Inspiration
-	Stephen Stone
- Sound:	Stephen Stone
- Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Greeters:	

April 15th, 2018

Earth Day:

Welcome:

"Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style, we're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile. Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone" (VU #224). Singing and music is one gift of God's creation that enables our spirits to celebrate.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

Selected Instrumental Works

Call To Worship lead by Jona Hodder:

One: We live in all things, All things live in us.

All: We rejoice in all life

One: We eat from the earth, we drink from the rain, we breathe from the air.

All: We rejoice in all life

One: We depend on the forests, we have knowledge through their secrets.

All: We rejoice in all life

One: We rejoice in the privilege of knowing and understanding Mother Earth; that she cares for us as does our earthly mother and that we have a responsibility to nurture and protect her as our mother does us.

All: Let us worship God!

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #41 MV (see below) - "O Beautiful Gaia"

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

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

We your children, your earthly family gather together, Gracious Creator to celebrate our oneness with the earth and to seek forgiveness for the injuries we have caused. Help us to hear the voices of our planet and give us the will and compassion to respond with healing action, In Christ's name we pray.

(adapted from Sally Wotton)

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #30 MV (see below) - "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"

(Ruth Duck & Ron Klusmeier)

Talk Time:

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

Job 12:7-10

Read by Sera Tulk

Matthew 6: (v. 25 & 26)

Read by Sara Vey

Ministry of Music:

"Big Yellow Taxi" ----- Courage and Inspiration

(Joni Mitchell)

Reflection:

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #36 MV (see below) - "Glory to God"

Minute For Mission:

Offering:

"Jesus Loves Me" performed by Inspiration

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:

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn #577 - "I've Got Peace Like A River"

Commissioning and Benediction:**Musical Postlude:**

Selected instrumental work

O Beautiful Gaia

Key of D, 3/4

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia calling us home
O beautiful Gaia, calling us on

Soil yielding its harvest, O Gaia calling us home
Soil yielding its harvest, calling us on
Chorus

Waves crashing on granite, O Gaia calling us home
Waves crashing on granite, calling us on
Chorus

Pine bending in windstorm, O Gaia calling us home
Pine bending in windstorm, calling us on
Chorus

Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia calling us home
Loon nesting in marshland, calling us on
Chorus

Carolyn McDade, MV#41-

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

It's a song of praise to the maker, the thrush sings high in the tree
It's a song of praise to the maker, the grey whale sings in the sea

And by the spirit, you and I
Can join our voice to the holy cry

And sing, sing, sing to the maker too.

It's a call of life to the giver, when waves and waterfalls roar,
It's a call of life to the giver, where high tides break on the shore

Chorus

It's a hymn of love to the lover, the bumblebees hum along
It's a hymn of love to the lover; the summer breeze joins the song

Chorus

It's the chorus of all creation; It's sung by all living things
It's the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings

Chorus

-Ruth Duck & Ron Klusmeier, MV#30-

Glory To God

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest

To God be glory forever, To God be glory forever

Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen, Alleluia Amen

David Fines, MV#36-