

Topsail United Church

"The Church by the side of the road"

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"The Mission of Topsail United Church:

- 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
- To courage and empower each other to use our talents within the church."

Ministers:	The Congregation
Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Youth Program Coordinator & Band Director:	Brett Vey
Youth Band and Choir:	Courage and Inspiration
Sound:	Stephen Stone
Office Manager:	Jacqui Kennedy
Caretaker:	Roger Richards
Greeters:	The Powell Family

March 18th, 2018

Our World - God's World:

Welcome:

Welcome dear friends as we enter into this time of praise. Today's theme is *Our World - God's World* with emphasis on the harmony between all God's creatures. From the leaves on a tree to the mother of a child we are all connected as one.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- Piano Selections

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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us.

All: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise; give thanks to God and Praise God's name.

All: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

(Written by Mariam Spies)

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #291 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (V - 1,2,4,5)

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

Prayer of Approach lead by Rachael Moores: (In unison)

O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth, defend our planet earth. Teach us to conserve and not to squander the riches of nature, to use aright the heritage of former generations, and to plan for the welfare of our children's children. Renew our wonder, awaken our concern, and make us better stewards and more careful tenants of the world you lend us as our home. Hear us, O God, our creator and redeemer, in the name of Christ. Amen.

(Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982)

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #766 - "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

Covenanting with *Brett Vey*

(Youth Program Coordinator for Topsail United Church)

Leader: We are here in the presence of God to covenant with *Brett Vey* in his position of Youth Program Coordinator at Topsail United Church.

Presenter: I present *Brett Vey* to be received in the position of Youth Program Coordinator for Topsail United Church.

Statement of Purpose:

One: The church recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

One: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

All: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

(1 Corinthians 12: 4-11)

Leader: *Brett*, God has called you to the ministry of Youth Program Coordinator within this congregation. You have accepted this call, and have expressed your willingness to serve as the Spirit enables you. Having prayerfully considered the calling and responsibilities of your ministry will you serve in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

I will, God being my helper.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry faithfully, bearing witness to the love of Christ?

I do, by the grace of God.

Leader: Congregation please stand. Members of this congregation, you have heard the promises of *Brett*, who has answered God's call to service. Let us pledge to him our support as we say together – **We celebrate our partnership with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to honour your ministry of Youth Program Coordinator and support you with prayer and encouragement, that together we may be the church of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: *(Please welcome Brett with us.)*

Prayer: Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you for *Brett*, who has responded to your call to ministry with us. Bless him in the position of Youth Program Coordinator. May your love fill all our hearts and unite us in your ministry in this congregation and beyond. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Talk Time with Brett Vey:

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- Genesis 1 & Psalm 104 (Selected Verses) Read by Members of Courage Choir

Ministry of Music:

“A Place In The Choir” Courage and Inspiration

Reflection:**Congregation Sings:**

More Voices #41 - “O Beautiful Gaia” (see last page)

Minute For Mission:**Offering:**

“Morning Has Broken” performed by Rachael Moores and Sera Tulk

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:

Dear Lord, our God, you guide us as a loving shepherd. In your presence, our spirits are renewed. In your wisdom, we discover peace. In fellowship together, we find ways to share your good news with others. As we enjoy your blessings, help us to give from our abundance with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his flock. Amen.
(Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47)

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Hymn #509 - “I, The Lord of Sea and Sky”

Commissioning and Benediction:**Musical Postlude:**

Selected instrumental work

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In Loving Memory of
Sydney Erin Baggs
from Grandmother Sandra Baggs & Family

In loving memory of
Donald Richards & Laura (Decker) Richards
from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards

O Beautiful Gaia

*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

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

-Carolyn McDade, #41MV-