

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

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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 and Band Director | Brett Very |
| - Youth Band & Choir | Courage & Inspiration |
| - Sound: | Stephen Stone |
| - Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| - Greeters: | The Howell Family |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |

May 13th, 2018

Christian Family Sunday

Welcome:

It is Christian Family Sunday. Today we celebrate family, not just Mothers but Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Guardians, Friends and above all we celebrate Christ.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- Family - Performed by Jona Hodder

Call To Worship lead by Sara Vey:

One: The time has come for worship, and we have gathered here, family and friends in the faith, sisters and brothers and siblings, one of another, to bring the living of our lives as an offering of thanksgiving to God who formed us in the womb, and shaped us, and nourishes us day by day.

All: We come as God's people. We come as we are. May this time be a time of giving thanks. Come, and let us worship God. (Written by Bob Root, Peterborough, Ont. *Gathering*, Lent/Easter 2018, page 49. Used with permission.)

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #395 - “Come In and Sit Down”

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

Prayer of Approach lead by Emma Howell: (In unison)

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you. We come as individuals, we come in family units, we come as neighbours and friends. We come here where we are known by name, welcomed with all our weakness and strength. We gather with kindred spirits who long to live faithful to your calling. Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us, and nurture us in this time of worship so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives ready to engage fully with all of your creation. We pray. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #412 - "This Is The Day"

Talk Time:

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- Psalm 150 ---- Read by Jona Hodder
- John 17:6-11 ----- Read by Sera Tulk

Ministry of Music:

"You Raise Me Up" ----- Courage

Reflection:

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #79 MV (See insert) - "Spirit open my heart"

Minute For Mission:

Offering:

"Joyful Joyful" 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:

Loving God, we come to you praying that you will enlarge our vision of family until it includes everyone that is part of your family. As family, we are asked to love and care for each other. We bring our gifts to you to support the members of your family, because they are also members of our family. Receive and bless our offering in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn:

Hymn #585 - "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Commissioning and Benediction:

Musical Postlude:

Selected instrumental work

Spirit, Open My Heart

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Chorus

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story
In each thought, word and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Chorus

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Chorus

Ruth Duck, 1994-