

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."

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Guest Minister:	Ms. Lorraine Jarvis
- Youth Program Coordinator:	Brett Very
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Jacqueline Kennedy
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley

November 4th, 2018

24th After Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! The Bible is full of stories of God's outpouring of love for God's people, communities, and Earth. God's very nature is loving. There is a commandment for people to love self, neighbour, and God – and to keep these in balance.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

INTROIT: My Soul is Thirsting for You (MV #109 chorus)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: In a world that oppresses the most vulnerable,

All: we praise a God who watches over the outcast and the stranger.

One: In a world where food is wasted while others live in famine,

All: we praise a God who provides enough food for all.

One: In a world where it can be hard to remain hopeful,

All: we praise a God who keeps faith forever, from generation to generation.

One: Come, let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning,
Walk with the Spirit throughout the Long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

(Words and Music: Jim Strathdee, 1995)

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

Sovereign God of all things good, we gather to recall the great love story of our faith, so that we may embody it in our daily lives, and share it with future generations. In our worship and in our living may your love remain ever-present. Amen

HYMN: VU#409 Morning Has Broken

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 27 (pg. 754 VU) responsive
Gospel- John 1, 1-9

ANTHEM: Blest Are They (Haas/Joncas)

SERMON: "Waiting In The Dark"

HYMN: VU#626 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY:

Grant us, God, the grace of living, with a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

(Words: anonymous. Music: attributed to Christian F. Witt, Psalmodia Sacra, adapted by Henry John Gauntlett)

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (In Unison)

Loving God, we give thanks for life and for all the faithful who have shared their lives and their gifts with us. We give thanks for the faithful who have taught us through their actions how to love you and all of your creation. We give thanks for the faithful who continue to live your gospel and be your church. We give thanks for the opportunity to give. Amen

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: VU #472 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: Cradle me in Your Arms (MV #91)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

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

In loving memory of

Gustav Frey

from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards