

# 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
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**September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

*15<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost/Sacrament of Holy Communion*

## SERVICE NOTE

**WELCOME!** Through the readings this week we are given attention to life's journey and God's calling along the way. Through the notorious story of the call of Moses we listen for resonations to our own call stories.

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

### INTROIT:

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In the majesty of the mountain and the thunder of the waterfall,

**All: we can see God's glory.**

One: In the call of the birds and the reflection of trees in still waters,

**All: we can see God's mercy.**

One: In the rush of the river,

**All: we can see the Spirit's power.**

One: So we come to worship the One who has the power to grant us mercy and forgiveness and lift us to heights of glory.

**All: we come to give God thanks and praise and to offer ourselves as God's faithful servants.**

One: Let us worship God!

(Written by *Jean Leckie*, Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, Ont. **Gathering**, Pentecost 1, 2018, page 33. Used with permission.)

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### CONGREGATION SINGS: (#820 VU)

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

### WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

God, you have planted a precious seed in our hearts, and, in this community, it is watered and nourished and made to grow. Open our spirits so that your own Spirit might move over us and within us. Let our worship be worthy, let our hymns be sincere, let our prayer be honest, as we give ourselves again into your care and keeping. Amen. (Written by *Kate Crawford*, Huron Shores U.C., Grand Brent, Ont. **Gathering**, Pentecost 1, 2018, page 37. Used with permission.)

#### HYMN: #558 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Exodus 3: (selected verses)  
Matthew 16: 21-28

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** #682 "O for a World"

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY:** (#537 – VU)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, as ask for Jesus' sake.

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**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (In Unison)

Gracious God, as we sojourn through your world, may we be ever mindful of leaving a light footprint, to give generously, and to care for one another. Multiply our gifts and our works, that they may amplify your beauty and grace. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**CONFESSION:** (in unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of Jesus; his work among us, and for those who carry on Christ's mission. We try to continue Christ's work, and pass on Christ's light, but sometimes we are scared; that Christ's work will be too costly, or too hard. Sometimes we let the light go out; we let everyday concerns extinguish it. Sometimes we are reluctant to pass the light on: we don't want to share, believing our way is the right way. *(A moment's silence)* Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, may your love surround us and bring us forgiveness and peace. **Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSIONS**

**BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** (sung #959)

*(Communion is shared)*

**HYMN:** #472 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION: MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

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