

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church By The Side Of The Road"

Service note

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help for ever
And its confidence alone.

(Voices United #325)

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT: **The Church by the Side of the Road (Rev. W.C. Poole & B.D. Ackley)**

Thro' the midst of years I can seem to see the church of my childhood days;
And its mem'ries sweet, so with joy replete, shall live in my heart always.
Then on memory's page I can see again, the church by the side of the road;
And wherever I roam, it is guiding me home, the church by the side of the road.

Call To Worship:

M: It is done.

P: God has always been in charge yesterday and today

M: Even when things seem out of control, God's reign is on its way.

P: Let us prepare the way for God.

Congregation Sings: (sing twice)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

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WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earths already yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. **Amen.**

HYMN: **VU #714** Come, We That Love the Lord

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Kumbaya" Courage Choir

In loving memory of special friends

Nan Wright, Melvina Sheppard, Yvonne Ivany & Ed & Laura LeGrow

by Bob & Debbie Bennett

In loving memory of a father, father-in-law and grandfather

Ed LeGrow Sr.

by Ed, Debbie & Christine

In loving memory of
Family & friends
by Doreen family

In loving memory of
Warrick Allen, Ada Lockyer & Betty Goulding
by Marie

LIGHTING OF THE MEMORIAL CANDLE

One: We light this memorial candle in memory of our loved ones and friends who once shared our lives and now live in our hearts.

Fondly remembering the loved ones who have brought love and joy into our lives.
Giving thanks for the long and rich life of our Mum, Grandma, and GG, **Renee Snell**, and the lives of our Dad, Grandpa, and GGP, **Lorne Snell**, Sister, Auntie, and Great Auntie, **Jeanne (Snell) Rideout**, brother, **Rodney Snell**, Mom and Dad, Nanny and Grampy, **Lloyd and Margaret Saunders**, and neice, cousin, **Stephanie Saunders**
by Wanda & Jim Saunders & family

(Moment of silence)

LIGHTING OF CELEBRATION CANDLE

One: We light this celebration of life candle in thanksgiving of life's blessings each day.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Standing Outside the Fire" Inspiration Band

In loving memory of my wonderful husband
Hubert Stokes
by wife, Olive

In loving memory of brother, brother in law and uncle
Scott King
by Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

In loving memory of grandparents
Maxwell & Lillian Perry, Aunts Lillian & Dorothy, Uncles Gordon & Merle
by Bob Bennett

In loving memory of parents, grandparents & great grandparents
Heber and Dolly Bennett & Lloyd and Myrtle King
by Debbie, Bob, Sheri, Gregory, Christy & Brynn

In loving memory of
Alexander Goulding, Michelle Goulding Barron & Bettyann Goulding
by Elsie Goulding

In loving memory of a son
Brent Parsons
by Russell

SCRIPTURE READING:

Hebrew Scripture: Number 14: 1-10

New Testament: Collossians 1: 11-20

Gospel: Luke 1: 68-79

HYMN: #332 “The Church’s One Foundation”

SERMON: “Remembering the Good Old Days”

OFFERING: The Church Is Wherever God’s People (**VU #579 v.2**)

The Church is wherever God’s people are helping,
Caring for neighbours in sickness and need.

The church is wherever God’s people are sharing
The words of the bible in gift and in deed.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in Unison)

Your days are surely coming, Holy One, just as surely as the needs of this world are real. We offer these gifts in awe of your victory over the cross and in celebration of your present and coming reign, that life— even life abundant— might multiply for all people. Bless these gifts, that they may be used according to your will. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD’S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “Building on a Rock” Mixed Choir

In loving memory of
Rosalind Purchase
by Fred, daughters Nancy & Tracy

In memory of my loving father
Hubert Stokes
dearly loved and missed by daughter Ruth & family

In loving memory of
Family & friends
by John, Lynn & family

HYMN: #675 “Will Your Anchor Hold”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “God on the Mountain” Men’s Choir (Tracy Dartt)

In loving memory of
Amy Penney
by husband Pearce Penney

In loving memory of
Augustus & Georgina Eveleigh
always remembered and forever loved
by Rosalind, Ben & family

In loving memory of husband
Les Stokes and parents **Harold & Ethel Somerton** and **Leona Churchill**
by Eleanor Stokes

In loving memory of wife
Lorraine Parsons
by Russell

In loving memory of
Alexander Goulding, Michelle Goulding Barron & Bettyann Goulding
by Elsie Goulding

In loving memory of
Rosalind Purchase
by Fred, daughters Nancy & Tracy

In loving memory of my wonderful husband
Hubert Stokes
by wife Olive

In loving memory of
parents Bill & Violet LeDrew, Rev. Samuel & Millicent Grandy,
Brother Dr. Tom Grandy, sister-in-laws Noreen LeDrew, Helen Ennis LeDrew &
son-in-law Clarence Squires
by the family

In loving memory of **Charles & Amelia Barbour**
James & MaryAnn Bugden
by Len, Eloise, Sharon, Steven & families

In loving memory of parents
Alice & Jack Miller
sister Eloise Miller & grandparents Sarah & John Miller
by Joan & Roland

In loving memory of
Family & friends
by Sandra Baggs

In loving memory of
Loved ones
by Derrick Tuffin & Linda Cleary

In loving memory of
Loved ones
by Rosemary & Roger Richards

In loving memory of husband
Graham Mercer, parents Harold & Ethel Somerton
parents-in-law **Alan & Muriel Mercer**
by Hilda & family

In loving memory of
Lorraine & Brent Parsons
by Madeline & Marven Parsons

In loving memory of
Departed loved ones
by Solomon & Phyllis Davis

In loving memory of
Herman Humby
by wife Pearl & family

In loving memory of
Fred & Cathy Button
by Betty & family

THE SENDING FORTH:

Go joyfully. Give thanks to God. Endure with strength and patience. And may your feet be guided in the ways of peace. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: The Church by the Side of the Road (Rev. W.C. Poole & B.D. Ackley)

ORGAN POSTLUDE