

# 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>
- <b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b>	<b>Brett Vey</b>
- <b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
- <b>Choir:</b>	<b>Mixed Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**7<sup>th</sup> after Epiphany**

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** There is upwards of 800,000 words in our Protestant version of the Bible, and over 31,000 verses. It is a massive volume split into 66 books, with at least 40 different original human scribes. Is this book a guidebook to perfection? Does it have the rules to live by that will protect us from experiencing or inflicting pain? Are the people who read it more perfect than they were before they knew what was in it? What about the church – does this book have some magic formula that makes a community of people nicer to one another and more enlightened? Today's passages contain many instructions, given by various people to others who seek guidance. But we miss the point if we read their words as a simple formula for living rather than a vision for who God is in our midst.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "What Does the Lord require of You?" (VU 701)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Trust in God.

**All: We delight in God,**

One: for God tends to the desires of our hearts,

**All: and commits us to the bright day of justice.**

One: Do not fret for God is near.

**All: We come to worship because God is good.**

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** #395 "Come In and Sit down" (Chorus & v1)

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

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

We praise you, O God, for your constant love and confess that our faithfulness is not always so constant. We come seeking to learn from you so that our lives might reflect your peace, your joy, your justice and your mercy. Accept, O God, our grateful praise as we gather in worship. Amen.

(Written by *Jean Leckie*, Heart Lake U.C., Brampton, Ont. **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2018-2019, Page 48. Used with permission.)

**HYMN:** #625 “I Feel the Winds of God Today”

**TALK TIME:**

### **WE LISTEN & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Genesis 45: (selected verses)

Luke 6: (selected verses)

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:** “Be Holy”

**HYMN:** #372 “Though I May Speak”

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:**

**OFFERTORY:**

*We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;  
All that we have in thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.*

(#543 – VU v. 1 – Words: William Walsh How 1858, alt.)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #703 “In the Bulb there is a Flower”

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Wherever You May Go” (MV216)

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**