

# 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>Guest Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Wayne Cole</b>

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*June 2, 2019*

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

Today is the last Sunday of the Easter season. As we share in communion we celebrate our unity with one another through Christ, Jesus. Let us worship in joy and thanksgiving knowing that God's love speaks freedom and unity for all creation.

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** Rejoice in the Lord Always (VU #249)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive based on Ps. 71))

**One:** In you, O God, I take my refuge; you are my hope and my trust.

**All:** **You are my rock and my fortress. I will continually praise you.**

**One:** Let us praise God again and again. Let us worship God.

(Written by **George Allan**, Chatham, Ont. *Gathering*, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2018-2019, Page 45. Used with permission.)

**CONGREGATION SINGS:** Dance with the Spirit (MV#156)

*Dance with the spirit early in the mornin',  
Walk with the spirit throughout the long day.*

*Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the spirit to show you the way.*

Words and music: Jim Strathdee, 1995

**OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Creator God, you spoke, and the world took shape. You spoke, and your people turned back to you. The word was made flesh in Christ, and we could see your love among us. Your word comes to us in the rushing of the wind, and our lives are reawakened in you. Open us to encountering your word in new and powerful ways during worship. Help us place your word at the center of our life together. Maker of the universe, refine and mold our lives. Amen.

**HYMN:** (VU #589) Lord, Speak to Me

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

John 17: 20-26

Acts 16: 16-34

**SERMON:** "Next Up"

**HYMN:** (VU #606) In Christ There is No East or West (Tune: There Is A Green Hill Far Away)

**OFFERTORY:** "Grant Us, God, the Grace" (VU# 540)

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving, 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)

Empowering God; you have put words in our mouth and gifts in our being. We dedicate all that we have and all that we are to spreading the word – your word – with voices born of love. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ANTHEM:** What Shall I Pour (Ellie Barrington & James McGowan)

**GATHERING PRAYER:**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (*responsive*)

One: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love is patient; love is kind

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

**All: Forgive us, God, when we do not love.**

One: Hear us, O God, as we confess to you the times we have failed to love with all our heart. *(A time of silence)*

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION**

## **BLESSING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Congregation Sings (VU# 959)

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)  
(Communion is shared)*

**Hymn: (VU #213)** Rejoice, the Lord is King

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** Bread for the Journey **(MV #202)**

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**



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