

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

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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
- **Youth Program Coordinator:** Brett Vey
- **Organist:** Beth Cranston
- **Choir Director:** Andrew Cranston
- **Choir:** Mixed Choir
- **Office Manager:** Jacqueline Kennedy
- **Caretaker:** Roger Richards
- **Minister:** Rev. Wayne Cole

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**United Church of Canada  
Topsail United Church  
Sunday, Oct. 13; 10:30 AM  
THE GATHERING**

## **Organ Prelude**

**Choral Introit:** God Is So Good (African Melody)

## **Welcoming & Announcements**

### **THE APPROACH**

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

M: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Come and see what God has done!

**P: God has turned our sea into dry land. We have passed through the river on foot.**

M: Bless our God, O peoples. Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

**P: When you tested and tried us, O God, you brought us out to a spacious place. You kept us among the living and prevented our feet from slipping.**

M: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**P: How awesome are the deeds of our God!**

**Congregation Sings:** For the Beauty of the Earth (VU #226)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1864. Music: David Evans 1927 Used by permission of Oxford University Press.*

**Opening Prayer (unison):**

We give praise to you, O God, for you are awesome and amazing. We remember your deeds and faithfulness—deeds that have brought us to this day, faithfulness that has helped us weather life’s storms. We have gone through fire and water, and stand before you today in gratitude and praise. How awesome are your deeds, O God! Amen.

**Hymn:** Come, You Thankful People, Come (VU #516)

**Time with the Youth**

**Prayer of Confession (unison):**

O God, we remember times of blessing in our lives: when we have been released from suffering and despair when we have been freed to reclaim life and hope; but we also remember times of hardship: when we have been cast out into deep waters, when we have been banished in exile from the world we call home. O God, it is hard to claim the hope and promise of the past in the presence of today’s troubles. Meet us today with your good news that we may be renewed by the power of your presence. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:** *(Minister)*

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Psalm:** 66 (VU page 781, Part 1)

**(All:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the  
beginning  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**All: Thanks be to God.)**

**New Testament:** Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7  
(*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All: Thanks be to God.*)

**Gospel:** Luke 17: 11-19  
(*All: Praise be to Christ, the Living Word*)

**Sermon:** “Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving”

**Anthem:** The Family of God (HFG #543 Gloria Gaiter & William J. Gaiter)

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:** This is God’s Wondrous World (VU #296)

**Minute for Mission:** See back cover

### **Invitation of the Offering:**

Wealth, status, and success are uncertain, but we can trust God’s abundant provision, and God’s desire that we enjoy what we have. Let us respond by working for justice, living generously, and sharing with others.

### **Offering**

**Offertory Hymn:** The Church Is Wherever (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 (unison):**

In a world of goodness and struggle, we are grateful for your blessings, O God. As we seek to endure life’s struggles, as we seek to claim your life in those hard parts of our lives—the very places you teach us to look for your freeing presence—teach us to trust that you are always there. May these gifts be sent into our community and into the world around us, that others may claim the hope of your presence. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### THE SENDING FORTH

**Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God (VU #236)

**Benediction:** (responsive)

M: Jesus said to the leper, "Get up and go on your way.  
Your faith has made you well."

**P: Let us all claim Jesus' healing and liberation in  
our lives.**

M: Get up and go on your way! In Jesus' name, your  
faith has made you whole

**P: And all God's people say: Amen.**

**Choral Benediction:** Standing on the Promises of God  
(HFG #69 Words: R. Kelso Carter; Music: Norman E. Johnson)

### Organ Postlude

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

In loving memory of mother and father  
**Alice & Jack Miller**  
Sister **Eloise Miller** and grandparents  
**Sarah & John Miller**

A donation was made in memory of  
**Helen Nixon**  
from Reg Hudson

In loving memory of my mom  
**Blanche Roper**  
from Doreen

In loving memory of Doreen Cave's mother  
**Blanche Roper**  
from the Coffee group

In loving memory of **Fred Button**  
forever in our hearts, from wife Betty, son Cory &  
grandchildren

In loving memory of **Cathy Button**  
we miss you so much from daughter Hailey, mother Betty &  
family