

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."

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| • Ministers: | The Congregation |
| • Youth Program Coordinator & Music Leader: | Brett Vey |
| • Organist: | Beth Cranston |
| • Choir & Band: | Courage & Inspiration |
| • Office Manager: | Jacqueline Kennedy |
| • Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
| • Clergy: | Rev. Wayne Cole |
| • Sound: | Stephen Stone |
| • Youth Ushers: | Travis Gullage and Christopher Clancey |

October 20th, 2019

Jacob Wrestles / World Food Day Sunday

Welcome:

"God's new covenant will be written upon people's hearts." Welcome today as we come together as one community to praise God as well as reflect on ways that we can serve and love others. This is something that we all wrestle with at times. Yet, we must not give up.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- Twinkle Twinkle Little Star - Naomi Bungay

Candle Lighting - Erica Wilson:

Welcoming and Announcements:

Call To Worship lead by Chelsea Hodder:

One: You and I are here this morning because God has called us to worship. You and I are not so different. God made you in God's image. God made me in God's image too.

All: **We gather together, as the great people of God's making. We gather to be transformed into tighter unity with one another and to further cement our connection with our Creator.**

One: Let us worship God boldly!

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #79 MV (See insert) - "Spirit Open My Heart"

Prayer of Approach led by Sara Vey: (In unison)

Loving God, in the stories and prayers of scripture, we hear the longing of our ancestors for a world of Justice, a world where those in poverty are fed, where strangers are welcomed. Your people hunger and thirst for righteousness, for the simple kindness that honours all people, for your guidance and healing and wisdom. You satisfy our hunger with moments of awareness in our daily life: meeting us at the table where we are fed, meeting us in the hand that is reaching out, meeting us as we dedicate our offering to you. Great Spirit, remind us that you have chosen us to feed those in poverty, to care for those bereaved, to welcome strangers and refugees. Feed us with your stories this day. Amen.

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Congregation Sings led by Courage:

Hymn #567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (v. 1,2,4)

INTRODUCTION & VOWS

STATEMENT OF FAITH: A New Creed (VU #918) - In union led by Samuel Bungay

Talk Time led by Rachael Moores:

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- Luke 18:1-8 All: "Praise be to Christ, the Living Word"----- Jona Hodder
- Psalm 119:97-104 (VU page 840) 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. Thanks be to God." --- Samuel Bungay

Ministry of Music:

"Man in the Mirror" ----- Courage and Inspiration

Reflection:

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #642 - "Be Thou My Vision" (v. 1,2,3,5)

Minute For Mission:

Invitation to the offering: (Travis Gullage and Christopher Clancy)

October 16th we just recently celebrated world food day and in a world where there is such an abundance of food, we pray that no one should go hungry. During the offering the food for the food bank will be gathered up as well and brought forward.

Offering:

"Heveinu Shalom Alechem" performed by Rachael Moores

Congregation Sings:

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away

Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.

Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away

Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.

Offertory Prayer:

Abundant God, full of surprises! A simple loaf of bread becomes food for a hungry world. A chalice of unfermented food for a hungry world. A chalice of unfermented wine becomes hope for the young and not so young. Today, we join hands with siblings in Christ all around the world. Today we share our offerings, knowing that they, like the loaf and cup, will help to bring new life to this congregation and to the world that you so love. Receive them with delight, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn:

Hymn #600 - "When I Needed a Neighbor" led by
Courage

Commissioning and Benediction:

Musical Postlude:

Selected instrumental work

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

We give thanks for and celebrate the life of our amazing Matriarch, **Renee Snell**, and her rich earthly journey. Having reached the venerable age of 101 with grace and "joie de vivre", Mum is remembered with so much Love in the hearts of her family .

from Wanda (Saunders) and the whole Snell Clan

Spirit, Open My Heart

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's
kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now
surrender.

Chorus

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal,
my story
In each thought, word and deed, may my living
bring you glory.

Chorus

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy
of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one
another.

Chorus