

# 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. 27; 10:30 AM  
THE GATHERING**

## **Organ Prelude**

**Choral Introit:** Love Us Into Fullness (MV #81)

## **Welcoming & Announcements**

### **THE APPROACH**

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

**M:** Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

**P:** **Happy are those who live in your courts—those who are satisfied with the goodness of your house and your holy temple.**

**M:** You are the hope of all things, Holy One, from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

**P:** **You make the gateways of the evening and the morning shout for joy.**

**M:** Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

**P:** **Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

## **Congregation Sings: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (VU #375)**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness,  
Blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,

Stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea. (X2)

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### **Opening Prayer (unison):**

God of all generations, on this Reformation Sunday, we remember mothers and fathers in the faith who took bold steps in new directions to re-form your church. Pour out your spirit upon us, that we too may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful temple. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew this temple, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn:** Breathe on me, Breath of God (VU #382)

### **Time with the Youth**

#### **Prayer of Confession (unison):**

Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

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

## **THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

### **Scripture Readings:**

**Psalm:** 65 (pg. 782)

**(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.

**New Testament:** 2 Timothy 4: 6-8  
(*Reader:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All: Thanks be to God.*)

**Gospel:** Luke 18: 9-14  
(*All: Praise be to Christ, the Living Word*)

**Sermon:** “Amazing Grace”

**Anthem:** Soil of God, You and I (MV #174)

## **THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:** Just as I Am (VU #508)

**Minute for Mission:** See back cover

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

Aware of the bounty of God’s created earth, we are invited now to give generously from our abundance. Let us share God’s blessings, as we collect our tithes and offerings.

### **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):**

Whatever challenges we face, O God, we have also known your many blessings—threshing floors full of grain, vats overflowing with wine and oil. Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness, that they may be used to prophesy in your spirit and to share your bounty with those in need. Amen.

### **Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

## **THE SENDING FORTH**

**Hymn:** Be Thou My Vision (VU #642)

**Benediction:** (responsive)

M: Breathe in the words of the psalmist:

**P: “The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.”**

M: Let these words fill you as you go forth, inspiring you to do no less.

**P: Dream dreams, see visions, renew God’s temple, God’s church, God’s earth.**

M: Go in peace.

**Choral Benediction:** And on This Path (MV #8)

**Organ Postlude**

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## **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **Youth Pilgrims**

Thirteen Youth Forum pilgrims were on a journey during the summer of 2018. After work and orientation in their home Conferences, they travelled east to Newfoundland. With their two young adult leaders and a global partner, these dedicated young people visited each Conference of the United Church. They stopped in Oshawa, Ontario, in July to participate as commissioners at the 43rd General Council and then continued their pilgrimage, ending in British Columbia in mid-August.

Building on the theme of Rendez-vous 2017, these young people deepened their understanding of what it means to Be the Church/Soyons l’église in this time of change and challenge.

The youth were selected by peers from their home Conference at a Youth Forum Winter Retreat held in February 2018. At the retreat, 60 youth gathered to learn what a remit was, gain insight into how business would be carried out at General Council, and immerse themselves in the issues and concerns facing the United Church. They also spent time in worship, small groups, and played games, and other activities.

The pilgrimage invited participants to deepen their experience as they visited Indigenous communities, met migrant workers, learned about justice issues related to mining and fair trade, witnessed the work of social justice ministries and camps, and worshipped and celebrated with many communities of faith across the church. They came home changed, challenged, and ready to lead in ministry. How will you walk with a Youth Forum pilgrim from your region?

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.