

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."
- **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**

Sunday, October 6, 2019; 10:30 AM

THE GATHERING

Introit: Jesus, Come to Our Hearts (VU# 324)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

L: The promises of the world turn to ashes and dust,

C: but the promises of God last forever.

L: The Holy One calls to us: "Come!"

C: We come to rekindle the gift of God ablaze within us.

Congregation Sings: In the Quiet Curve of Evening (VU# 278 v.1)

In the quiet curve of evening, in the sinking of the days,
In the silky void of darkness, you are there.

In the lapses of my breathing, in the space between my
ways, In the crater carved by sadness, you are there.

You are there, you are there, you are there.

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Opening Prayer

Source of grace and peace, you call us into being; you keep us in safety; you hold us in life. Far too often, we turn from

you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other human beings and the insecure security of wealth. Be with us now. Bring us into your presence. Comfort our pain. Challenge our pride. Enter into our prayer and our praise, that our worship may be pleasing to you. We pray these things in the name of the one who loved us first, Jesus Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings:

New Testament: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

(Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.)

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

(All: Praise be to Christ, the Living Word)

Sermon: Meditation

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Communion Hymn: "As We Gather at your Table" (# 457)

(The Call to Confession)

L: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's
forgiveness.

C: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought,
word and deed by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so
that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

(Silence for Personal Reflection). Amen.

L: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

L: Lord have mercy.

(The Assurance of Forgiveness)

L: Sisters and brothers,
anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether,
the past is finished and gone;
everything has become fresh and new.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

(Presenting of the Gifts)

L: As a forgiven and reconciled people
let us with joy present our gifts at the Table of the
Lord.

Offering and Offertory

The Church Is Wherever God's people (VU# 579 v.2)

(The Great Thanksgiving)

L: Blessed are you gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth.
We give thanks and praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and all who served you in every age,

we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth
we recognize the fullness of your grace:
light, life and love,
revealed in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us,
in compassion that heals and frees us.
And now we gather at this table to remember
and to be filled with such longing for your realm,
that we may rise together to turn our worship
into witness and to follow in your way.
At this time we remember all those
with whom you would have us share this feast.

- We pray for all who are in sorrow and in pain...
- all who are ill or alone...
- all who live with fear, oppression or hunger...
- for all whom the world counts as last and least...
- We pray for the church and its varied ministries...
- for nations as they strive for peace and justice...
- for those who suffer loss of family, friends
property
- for our families and our friends...

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death, proclaiming his
resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.
Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

L: O God, pour your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share this loaf and this cup may be the body of Christ: light, life and love in the world. In this hope and as your people, we praise you.

**C: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.**

L: And now gathering all our prayers,
spoken and unspoken, we are bold to say/sing:

C: Our Father (please sing)

(The Breaking of the Bread and the Lifting of the Cup)

(The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup):

Servers:

**“The body of Christ, given for you”;
“The blood of Christ shed for you”.**

Prayer after Communion

**All: We give thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one
another, and send us forth into the world united
in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen**

Benediction:

L: God has given us a spirit of power and love.

**C: Let us go forth into the world in the power of
God’s Spirit.**

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In loving memory of ***Pamela & Michael LeGrow***, by mom
& dad (Ed & Debbie) and sister Christine LeGrow

In loving memory of mother and grandmother
Laura LeGrow
from son Ed, daughter-in-law Deborah and
grand-daughter Christine

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

In loving memory of ***Cathy Button***
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family