

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

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September 15th, 2019

Using Your Gifts/The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin

Luke 15:1-10

Welcome:

"Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style, we're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile. Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone." (VU #224) We each have a gift. We each have a role. Today, as we enter a new season we can reflect on our gifts and how we help shape the world around us.

We Gather as God's People

The Musical Prelude:

- "Selected instrumental works"

Call To Worship lead by Emma Bastow:

One: You have called us to this place, O Lord.

All: **Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents.**

One: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God's realm.

All: **Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope.**

One: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here.

All: **Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's word for us. Amen.**

Townley, Nancy C. "Classic Worship Connection"

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1450/classic-worship-connection-august-27-2017>.

Accessed June 2018.

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #395 - "Come In Come In and Sit Down"

Words of Welcome & Congregational Life & Work:

Prayer of Approach lead by Erica Wilson: (In unison) This one O God, I want to bloom where I am planted and resist the temptation to compare myself to others. Help me see the ways you have uniquely gifted me to serve you and your Kingdom. Thank you for making me just as I am. Forgive me for the ways I have compared myself and coveted the abilities of others. I pray that, starting today, I would see the opportunities in front of me to use my gifts and abilities. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Dr. Neil Anderson. "A Prayer to Help You Discover Your Gifts and Abilities"
<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-to-help-you-discover-your-gifts-and-abilities-your-daily-prayer-august-9-2016.htm>

Accessed June 2018.

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #585 - "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

Talk Time with Rachael Moores

We Listen To God's Word

Scripture Readings:

- 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ----- Read by Karlee Grandy
- Luke 15:1-10 ----- Read by Emma Howell

Reflection:

Congregation Sings:

Hymn #266 - "Amazing Grace"

Minute For Mission: See back cover

Offering:

"Stand by me" performed by Inspiration

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 (In Unison):

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for these gifts and ask that they be used to help the needy in our community and throughout the world. As we offer you these gifts, we offer ourselves as well, that together we might transform the world with your grace and love. Amen.

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Prayers of thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer led by Jo-ann Stone:

VU #929 (Responsive)

Hymn:

This Little Light Of Mine (See page 5)

Commissioning and Benediction:

Musical Postlude:

Piano Instrumental - "O God Beyond All Praising"

This Little Light Of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine let it shine let it shine.

-Traditional-

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Spiritual Support for Students

A row of old houses on Rue MacKay in Montreal, Quebec, is part of student life at Concordia University. One is home to the Concordia Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre. The Rev. Ellie Hummel is the United Church chaplain on staff at the centre, and she works with chaplains from the Baha'i, Muslim, Sikh, Pagan, Buddhist, and Jewish communities as well as various Christian denominations.

The centre is a safe space for students to talk one-on-one with chaplains, share meals with fellow students, work together on service projects, and hang out during exam time. It holds a drop-in conversation group called Spirituali-TEA each week. In June 2017, the centre celebrated the completion of a mural by fine arts student Laura Douglas, who explored the relationship between people and the environment. Like the centre itself, the mural is a beautiful expression of that exploration. Concordia Multi-Faith and Spirituality Centre offers students a place to explore and question faith, and a safe space to make a difference and simply be. Its service projects include helping with a community garden in the downtown core of Montreal.

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.