

# 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."
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| - <b>Ministers:</b>                 | <b>The Congregation</b>   |
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**United Church of Canada**

**Topsail United Church**

**Sunday, September 29, 2019; 10:30 AM**

**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude**

**Choral Introit: My Soul Is Thirsting for You (MV #109)**

**Welcoming & Announcements**

## **THE APPROACH**

**Call to Worship (Responsive):**

- M: Those who love God,  
P: **God will deliver.**  
M: Those who know God by name,  
P: **God will protect.**  
M: Those who call out to God,  
P: **God will answer.**  
M: We gather this morning,  
P: **as those who trust God.**

**Congregation Sings:** As the Deer Pants for the Water (VU #766)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul long after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. (X2)

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**Opening Prayer (unison):**

Almighty God, you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives. In you we place our trust. When we face illness, conflict, and fear, you are our steadfast protector. When we suffer setback and loss, you restore us through your love. When our lives prosper and we are comfortable, you move us to share our blessings with others. In times of hardship and plenty, you alone are the source of the life that really is life. Holy God, in love and trust, we live the power of your resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God (VU #356)

**Time with the Youth**

**Prayer of Confession (unison):**

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Stripped of the idols of our wealth and status, we try in vain to control our lives. Eager to be powerful and successful, we wander away from you, falling into the pain of addiction, greed, and blind ambition. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

**Words of Assurance:** (Minister)

# THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Readings:

**Psalm:** 91 (VU page 807)

*(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:** Timothy 6: 6-19

*(Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.)*

**Gospel:** Luke 16: 19-31

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

**Sermon:** It All Dawns On Us!

**Anthem:** When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides (MV #169)

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn:** He Came Singing Love (VU #359)

**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.

**Offertory Prayer (unison):**

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**THE SENDING FORTH**

**Hymn:** I See A New Heaven (VU #713)

**Commissioning:** *(Responsive)*

People of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight. Take hold of eternal life. To God, who dwells in unapproachable light, and to Jesus Christ, the blessed Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and to the Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Benediction:** *(Minister)*

**Choral Benediction:** May God's Sheltering Wings (MV #214)

**Organ Postlude**

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