

# 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>   |
| - <b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b> | <b>Brett Vey</b>          |
| - <b>Organist:</b>                  | <b>Beth Cranston</b>      |
| - <b>Choir Director:</b>            | <b>Andrew Cranston</b>    |
| - <b>Choir</b>                      | <b>Mixed Choir</b>        |
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**United Church of Canada**

**Topsail United Church**

**Sunday, September 8, 2019; 10:30 AM**

**THE GATHERING**

**Organ Prelude**

**Welcoming & Announcements**

**THE APPROACH**

**Introit: MV #18 Lord Prepare Me, To Be A Sanctuary**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**M: Jesus said, "Love one another, even as I have loved you."**

**P: Love is more powerful than fear; it is mightier than hatred.**

**M: Let the love which God has lavished upon us be poured out to those in need.**

**P: Help us, O Lord, to witness to you by the ways in which we care for others.**

**M: Remind us, Lord, that we are called to be your disciples.**

**P: As we worship this morning, heal our hearts and spirits and prepare us for service. AMEN.**

**Congregation Sings: Draw the Circle Wide MV #145 (chorus x3)**

Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it Wider Still,  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side,  
Draw the circle wide.

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

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. AMEN.

**Hymn: VU #562 Jesus Calls Us**

### **Time with the Youth**

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

We confess, O Lord, that we love attention. We are pleased when people single us out for something good that we have done, for some outstanding act or trait of kindness that we exhibit. We revel in the light; but the seductive light too often captures us and we seek its brightness and glory and turn our backs on others in need. We have been given many gifts, but have failed to use them to help others and to serve you. Forgive us our vanity and greed. Heal our wounded and aching souls. Place us again on the pathway of peace and hope that is your way to true life. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*(Silent Reflection).* **AMEN.**

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

You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as your own. Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others; for you are with us always. AMEN.

**THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Hebrew Scripture:** Jeremiah 2: 4-13

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

**Psalm:** Psalm 81:1, 10-16

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

*All: Thanks be to God.)*

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

**Anthem:** Make A Joyful Noise

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**Sermon:** "Head and Heart Must Go Together"

**Ministry of Music:**

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn:** VU #460 All Who Hunger

**Minute for Mission:** See back cover

**Invitation of the Offering**

**Offering:**

**Offertory Hymn:** VU #579 (v.2) The Church Is Wherever God's People

*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)**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

## **THE SENDING FORTH**

**Hymn: VU #563** Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

**Commissioning: (Responsive)**

**P: May we leave here today feeling the presence of God,  
son and the Holy Spirit.**

**M: May God, the Creator, create in us a new heart.**

**P: May Jesus, the word made flesh, bring the word alive  
in our souls.**

**M: And may the spirit of rebirth be born again in us today.**

**Benediction: MV #216** Wherever You May Go

**Organ Postlude**

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

*With love and thanksgiving for the life of  
Stewart Palmer  
from Larry, Lynn, Verda and Ruth*

## SINGING FOR INCLUSION

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs at places like Naomi Centre and Emmanuel House, both part of Stella's Circle in St. John's, Newfoundland. For Canada's 150th celebration in 2017, Stella's Circle organized a concert. Stella's Circle Sings for Canada featured the premiere of a song written by the Inclusion Choir with Amelia Curran, and a screening of a film by Roger Maunder about the process. The Inclusion Choir includes many living on the edges of Newfoundland society, blended with staff from Stella's Circle.

The concert was due in large part to three student placements. Reflecting on their learnings, the students spoke about the power of the song-writing process and how participants saw the song as "our song." Music student Kristian said it allowed her to focus on how music can have an impact on social situations and lives. For Kristian, the focus was not on getting the job done, but the enjoyment. Justin, a student in social work, commented on the fact that as soon as choir members walked out on stage, they stood taller. He saw singing as a mindfulness act; it focused the mind on the act of singing. Sarah, a student in business management, saw how the work she learned, in human resources could be put into action in terms of diversity, and she enjoyed how everyone collaborated.

From the perspective of Stella's Circle, they saw three students embrace something new, fit right in, and add value to what was happening at Stella's Circle. What a great experience for all!

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.