

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment

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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
Office Manager:	Elizabeth Joy
Caretaker:	Roger Richards
Candidate Supply:	Heather Cronhelm

November 1st, 2020

All Saints' Day

WELCOME!

*This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalms 118: 24 NRSV

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. We rejoice in the way in which Christ calls us into one family. We are one in God's Spirit! Our Creator is the God of the past, the God of our present time and God of the future.

Together let us worship God!

THE GATHERING

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

THE APPROACH

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

Transforming God, we praise you that you can take ordinary people like me, (**say your own name**), and call us into the Way of Jesus and name us saints, even though we are not perfect.

We thank you that you are not finished with us yet.

We thank you for the example of Jesus the Christ, whose story in the Bible shows us how to follow you.

Be with us in this time of worship, as we give thanks for the lives of the saints of yesterday and today.

In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Phyllis Fleming, Grace U.C., Thornburg, Ont. The Gathering)

HYMN: VU# 672 "Take Time to Be Holy"

(Words: William D. Longstaff ca. 1882, Music: George. Stebbins 1890.)

TALK TIME

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Joshua 1:1-9 & 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

(Wanda Saunders)

REFLECTION: *The Same and Different*

ANTHEM: MV# 27 "Creator God You Gave Us Life"

(Words and music: Judith Snowdon, 2004.)

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN: MV #191 "What Can I Do?"

(Words and music: Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy; arr. Alan C. Whitmore, 2005)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison):

Loving God, by your generosity we have received all that we have and all that we are.

Bless these offerings which we bring today.

Multiply and use them to bring the word and touch of Jesus to your people in this place and around the world. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN: VU# 707 "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

(Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1986, Copyright 1991 GIA Publications, Music: Trier Gesangbuch 1695)

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

IN MEMORIAM

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

In Loving Memory of

Gustav Frey

From Rosie Frey, Don, Mark and Scott Richards



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Auction - Our annual online auction closed on October 28 and due to the generosity of our donors and bidders we exceeded our goal of \$7,000, with a total of \$8,336 raised to support the life and work of our Church. THANK YOU to all who participated and congratulations to our winners!

Caretaker - Immediate Vacancy - Due to the retirement of Roger Richards, Topsail United Church is seeking applications for the position of Caretaker to start November 1st if possible. Knowledge of basic building maintenance and cleaning practices and the ability to perform maintenance, repair and caretaker tasks without immediate supervision is required. The job requires approx. 8 - 10 hours per week. Please send applications or enquiries to the Church Office: office@topsailunitedchurch.nf.net or call 834-4567.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Young Palestinian Refugees

Imagine living in a refugee camp with minimal rights to work, own property, or travel. Imagine families living in that camp—parents, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren all together. Imagine if those families could see no end to the cycle of poverty and violence they were experiencing living there. That reality is what Palestinians in 12 refugee camps in Lebanon have been facing for 70 years.

The camps themselves are overcrowded, and the infrastructure is deteriorating. More Palestinian refugees displaced from camps in Syria have added to the cramped living conditions. Youth, many rebellious and frustrated, are particularly affected by the overcrowding. Seeing no future, many of them drop out of school or are recruited by violent extremist factions in the camps. Mission & Service partner the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon, part of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, is working to change that dynamic with a program for children aged 11–15 called Children on the Go.

The program offers an alternative to the growing culture of violence by providing at-risk youth with other ways to creatively express themselves and imagine a positive future. The program teaches conflict resolution and gives young people the skills to resist social pressures to resort to violence. And just as important for their future, the youth are given practical vocational training. They are then able to make a meaningful contribution to their families and their communities, learn skills, and gain the respect of peers, parents, and community.

Your gifts to Mission & Service help build resilience and a culture of peace in the midst of conflict in the refugee camps of Lebanon.

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.