

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

October 25th, 2020

WELCOME BACK!

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

Psalms 118: 24 NRSV

Today marks our first in-person worship since closing due to the pandemic. We rejoice in the opportunity to praise God as community, in our church sanctuary and in our homes. Let us give thanks and live into hope!

THE GATHERING

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING

A NEW CREED

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in

*Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in
us and others by the Spirit.*

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

*to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love
and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,*

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

THE APPROACH

OPENING PRAYER: (In Unison)

*Gracious and loving God, We come before you
with praise and thanksgiving. You have drawn us together as community and
bid us to follow in faith as your people. Bless this time of worship that we may
truly magnify your name. Prepare us to bear further witness to the hope we
know through Christ Jesus. Amen*

HYMN: VU#246 "Shout for God"

(Words: Walter Farquharson 1984, Music: Ron Klusmeier, 1985.)

TALK TIME

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 25: 1-9 & Philippians 4:1-9

(Gillian Corbett)

REFLECTION: *A Prayerful Perspective*

ANTHEM: VU#664 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven ca. 1855. Music: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868)

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: I'm Gonna Live So VU #575

(Words and Music: African American Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison):

*God of all people and God of all places;
we present these offerings, that they may be*

*used to extend your liberating reign.
With them, we offer our varied ministries,
that each of us may be part of your answer
to the cries of the world. Amen*

THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN: VU#614 "In Suffering Love"

(Words: Rob Johns, 1983, Music: Gardiner's Sacred Melodies 1812.)

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

MINUTE FOR MISSION

We Love Our Ministers!

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett shares this reflection:

When my father was sick, my minister visited. The minister didn't stay long—just long enough to let us know we were cared for, thought of, and prayed for. We were not alone.

After I was in a car crash, I visited my minister to share my fear, anxiety, and confusion. My minister listened and asked questions. Not too many—just enough to let me know I was heard, I was okay, and I was prayed for. I was not alone.

Our ministers are present in the big moments: baptisms and funerals, weddings and divorces, celebrations and crises. They are there in the everyday moments: visiting, witnessing, and walking with us. They remind us of God's presence while we wrestle with life, faith, and love. Ministers are not perfect or infallible. They each have different gifts from God and are called to unique service.

Thank you to our ministers. Thank you for the sermons, the prayers, and the visits. Thank you for the times you leave your own families to sit with someone else's. Thank you for your leadership and your late nights. Thank you for answering God's call and living it out in The United Church of Canada.

Thanks to our gifts for Mission & Service, ministers are supported through training at theological schools and education centres and through continuing education.

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.