

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

“The Church by the Side of the Road”

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Sunday, October 4, 2020 10:30 AM

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (*John G. Barr b. 1938. HYFRYDOL is a Welsh Tune composed by Rowland H. Prichard 1811-1887*)

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

THE APPROACH

Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Gracious God, You have drawn us together in faith to be your people. We pray that this time of worship would glorify your name. We come seeking to walk in your path of love. We pray today for your direction, that we may ever draw in closer communion with you O God. Continue to guide us as a community that we would show love for all people and for all creation. Amen.

Hymn: We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding VU #104
(*Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. 1988; Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor 1941*)

*We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word,*

*Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.*

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (Paul Burt)

Reflection: The Spirit of the Law

Anthem: Spirit God, Be Our Breath (Embracing Change) MV #150
(Words and music: Bruce Harding, 1997)

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.*

*Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.*

*Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
We seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.*

*Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.*

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:

With joy we present offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

Offertory Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So VU #575
(Words and Music: African-American Spiritual, arr. Wendell Whalum)

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime. (X2)*

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn: Live into Hope VU #699 (Words: Jane Parker Huber, 1976; Music: Thomas Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, Vol. 2 1789, harm. Lowell Mason)

*Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear--
A vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.*

Live into hope of captives freed

*From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

Benediction

Postlude: Finale (*Organo Pleno, Janet Correll*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Access to Education in Zambia

Women for Change is a Mission & Service–funded global partner that empowers girls and women through education. Access to education is a major challenge in Zambia, especially in rural areas where the majority of people live below the poverty line. An estimated 500,000 children of primary and secondary school age are not enrolled in school. Rural children, especially girls, are more likely to drop out of the school system or never be enrolled at all. Traditional attitudes toward women, poverty, early marriage, gender-based violence, lack of sanitation facilities, and the decision to use scarce resources to educate boys rather than girls all block girls and women from fully participating in educational opportunities.

When the United Church Women heard stories of girls and women in Zambia, they wanted to help and decided to support Women for Change as their major project for three years.

The people behind Women for Change know that it takes more than just money, books, and shoes to motivate girls to remain in school. There are few role models, particularly in rural areas—women who have received higher education and can inspire girls by showing them the difference an education can make.

With the support of United Church Women and through Mission & Service, Women for Change will focus on programming to create opportunities to give girls and young women living in rural areas the encouragement they need to remain in school.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Today's bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Pamela & Michael LeGrow
from mom & dad (Ed & Debbie) and sister Christine LeGrow



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From Cochrane Street United Church

Congratulations! The Stella's Tea Cups, a team of United Church members from several congregations, raised \$1,400 for women's mental health programs at Stella's Circle!! Thank you to everyone who participated and everyone who donated!!