

# **TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**

*"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

**Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities**

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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:**

**Clergy:**

**Congregational Designated Minister:**

**Organist:**

**Choir Director:**

**Choir:**

**Office Manager:**

**Caretaker:**

**The Congregation**

**Rev. Bruce Kearley**

**Steven Rogers**

**Beth Cranston**

**Andrew Cranston**

**Senior and Children's**

**Lynn Mercer**

**Roger Richards**

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***April 28, 2013***

***5th of Easter/Camping Sunday***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** This is Camping Sunday! United Church camping is the largest denominationally based camping ministry in Canada, with over 60 camps! Some of our camps are over 100 years young! According to the "I Am Camp" postcard campaign, the number one reason why campers come back to camp again and again is friendship. "Memories and friends that last a lifetime." What a wonderful legacy!!

## ***WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE***

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT: Kum Ba Yah**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

**One:** As the loon calls over the lake at twilight,

**All:** As the paddle calls to the water,

**One:** As the campfire calls out with familiar scent,

**All:** So you call to us, Holy One.

**One:** Call us now to a place of hope, of growth, of joy. Amen

## **CONGREGATION SINGS:**

This is the day, this is the day,  
that our God has made, that our God has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad  
in it This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

## **WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison)

At camp, when the sun rises, all kinds of sounds find their way to our ears. Birds begin to sing, morning breezes greet open sleepy eyes. Alarm clocks coax counselors to greet the morning. Campers are heard preparing for the day. May we, too greet this day with the spirit of camp ready to grow in your love. Amen.

**HYMN:** God we Praise you for the Morning VU # 415

**TALK TIME:** Campfire songs

## ***WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD***

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalms 24: responsively (see insert) (James Taylor)  
Acts 2: 43 -47

**ANTHEM:** ***O GREAT EARTH***  
***(CHILDREN AND SENIOR CHOIRS)***

**SERMON:** "The only home we know"

**HYMN:** #296 "This is God's Wondrous World"

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

### **OFFERTORY –**

Thank you for the world so sweet - hum, hum  
Thank you for the food we eat - yum, yum  
Thank you for the birds that sing-a-ling-a-ling  
Thank you God for everything. Amen

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison)

Creator God, we offer these gifts as well as our time and talents in the hope that they may reflect your light to others in our community and throughout the world.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** For the Beauty of the Earth VU# 226

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Day is Done"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In loving memory of  
**Bert Churchill**  
Forever loved, always missed  
by Vivian, Deion, & Kate*



**Psalm 24**

(responsively)

Turning and turning, our pale blue globe burns bright in the blackness of eternity.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it ---- all life embodied in the only home we know.**

God created life in the oceans,

**and nourishes it with nutrients from the mountains.**

trace the course of a river to its source;  
**stand among the mountains and marvel.**  
Who would dare defile this paradise?

**God sees through our deceit and pretense;**  
we cannot claim innocence when we have dirty hands.  
**We can only approach God with clean hands and pure hearts.**  
Then we will see a smile on the face of God;  
**then God's wisdom will be evident in the world.**  
So seek the Lord in high and holy places.  
**Let the vast valleys throw open their arms.**  
let the summits stand tall in pride,  
**For this is the body of our God!**  
With all the glory of the universe to choose from,  
**With all of creation quivering in expectation,**  
the Lord of Life picked this planet as home.  
**So, throw open your valleys, oh earth!**  
Spread wide your plains to welcome the Lord!  
**For the Lord of all creation lives here!**