

# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

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

**Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities**

P.O. Box 13010, Station Topsail, Conception Bay South, NL, A1W 2K1

[www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net](http://www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net)

**Office Telephone: 834-4567, Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9-1 Fax: 834-6200**

## **"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."
- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| - <b>Ministers:</b>                          | <b>The Congregation</b>   |
| - <b>Clergy:</b>                             | <b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b> |
| - <b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b> | <b>Steven Rogers</b>      |
| - <b>Organist:</b>                           | <b>Beth Cranston</b>      |
| - <b>Choir Director:</b>                     | <b>Andrew Cranston</b>    |
| - <b>Choir:</b>                              | <b>Male Choir</b>         |
| - <b>Office Manager:</b>                     | <b>Lynn Mercer</b>        |
| - <b>Caretaker:</b>                          | <b>Roger Richards</b>     |

---

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

3<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost/Male Choir Gospel Song Service

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Today our Male Choir, along with guest participants, present a service of Gospel singing. The Scripture records – *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord..."* Music and singing is the universal language and brings people together. Gospel singing provides for us a time to celebrate our faith and to ***"make a joyful noise to the Lord..."*** Indeed as we gather for worship may the singing of gospel songs make us joyful in knowing that "in" the joy of the Lord is our strength."

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

**THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:** (Accordion Solo – Steven Rogers)

**INTROIT:** "What Can I Do"

**CALL TO WORSHIP;** (responsive – Season of the Spirit)

One: At times our days and our dreams may seem dry.

**All: Our resources may seem to be running short.**

One: We may feel far from home,

**All: but God will meet us on the road. God will nourish our weary souls.**

One: God can water our dry places and bring forth new fruit of  
how we may live and thrive. Come, meet us here!

**All: Come, sense God's renewing welcome!**

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

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison – adapted – Seasons of the Spirit.)

Whether we have journeyed a long way or have just come down the street, we come seeking living water to quench our thirst. We all seek spiritual food to feed our spirits. We gather, O God, to be fed by you and receive the joy of your strength in this service of music and song. Amen.

**HYMN:** #357 "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

**CHOIR SELECTION:** "No Tears In Heaven"

**TALK TIME** with Steven

**Lydia made the purple cloth  
And followed Jesus too  
So many colours in the world to see  
Just like you and you -- and you!**

**GOSPEL SELECTIONS:** Gerald Hedd

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 100

John 12: 20-26

**CHOIR SELECTION:** "Homecoming in Heaven for me"

**READING – "Where Two or Three are Gathered"**

**SOLO:** "Precious Memories"

**OFFERTORY CHOIR SELECTION:** "Send your Best Angel..."

**OFFERTORY:**

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,  
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.  
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:  
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (in unison – Seasons of the Spirit)

Just as you did for the widow of Zarephath, we know that our jar is filled by you; our pitcher is filled by you. For all that you give to us, we give you thanks, and we return a portion here. May our gifts, in their turn, fill another's jar and replenish another's pitcher. Amen.

**CHOIR SELECTION:** "Too Old to Die Young"

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER:** (see back of bulletin)

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #714 "Come We That Love the Lord"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHOIR SELECTION:** "Thank you Lord for your Blessings on me"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:** "Will the Circle be Unbroken"

**BULLETIN DEDICATION**

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

*In loving memory of  
**Donald Richards**  
from Rosie Frey, Don, Mark & Scott Richards*

*In loving memory of Parents  
**Harold & Ethel Somerton**  
by Eleanor Stokes*

*In loving memory of  
**Una Youden**  
By Jim, Mildred & Family*