

## TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

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

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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."

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Youth Program Coordinator:</b>	<b>Brett Vey</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
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<b>Choir:</b>	<b>Male Choir</b>
<b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Jacqueline Kennedy</b>
<b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>

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***September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

***14<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost***

### **SERVICE NOTE**

***WELCOME!*** As we reflect on our relationship with the land, we recall that our biblical understanding of the land is grounded in an ancient worldview. The unique perspective of our spiritual ancestors can deepen our modern reading of the Bible and our sense of interdependence with Creation.

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

#### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary" (MV18)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: You formed the first human body from the dust of the earth;

**All: today we gather as the Body of Christ.**

One: You breathed the breath of life into us;

**All: as we breathe, we feel your spirit filling us.**

One: You welcomed us into your garden, which offered us fruit and vegetables to eat, and asked us to take care of it.

**All: We have work to do. May we plant seeds of righteousness and cultivate new life this day.**

One: Let us worship God!

**CONGREGATION SINGS:**

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you:  
And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.

**WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:****PRAYER OF APPROACH:** (in unison)

Gracious God, even as we look to the heavens for your light, we plant our feet firmly on the ground. We know your love comes through warm sunlight, refreshing rain, and life emerging from the earth. We see your creativity in the beauty of the roses, and the fiery colours of fallen leaves. Open us to the many ways in which your goodness and abundance emerge from the land. Amen.

**HYMN:** #217 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

**TALK TIME:****WE LISTEN TO & RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD****SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 66: (#784 – Parts 1 & 2)

Luke 12: 26-28

**ANTHEM:**

**SERMON:** “Consider the Lillies”

**HYMN:** #226 “For The Beauty of the Earth”

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:****OFFERTORY:**

Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** (In Unison)

Giver of life, just as were our ancestors, we are but sojourners living on Earth for a while. May our gifts contribute to the flourishing of your creation and your larger vision for life and wholeness, for this generation and for those to come. Amen.

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

**HYMN:** #342    "You Servants of God"

**BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:**