

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

“The Church by the Side of the Road”

Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment

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Topsail United Church

Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:30 AM

THE GATHERING

Prelude: When We Are Living VU #581 *(Music: Spanish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young 1989)*

Welcome & Candle Lighting

THE APPROACH

Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Gracious God, you have led us to this time of worship. Through Christ, fill us with love, through your creative energy, make us new so that the past may not enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, may this time of worship prepare us to live as your people in our time. Amen

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah VU #651
(Words: Welsh, William Williams and Peter Williams; Music: John Hughes, 1905)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings: Exodus 14:19-31

Reflection: **“Which Way Now?”**

Anthem: All Who are Thirsty MV #4 (Words & Music: Benton Brown & Glenn Robertson, 1998)

*All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain. Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of his mercy as deep cries out to deep.
We sing come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Holy Spirit come.*

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.*

Offertory: All That I Am, All That I Do (S. Temple)

*All that I am, all that I do,
All that I’ll ever have, I offer now to You.*

*Take and sanctify these gifts for Your honour Lord,
Knowing that to love and serve You is enough reward.*

*All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I’ll ever make, I give to You today.*

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING FORTH

Hymn: How Firm A Foundation VU #660

(Words: “K” in John Rippon’s A Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Roberts.)

*How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!*

*What more can be said than to you has been said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.*

*The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not – I will not – desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never – no, never – no, never forsake!”*

Benediction

Postlude: Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU #288
(Music: William M. Runyan, 1923; desc. Joachim Segger, 1995)

Today’s bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

*In Loving Memory of
Rudel LeDrew
by Roger & Rosemary Richards*

*In Memory of a dearly loved brother
Rudel (Rudy) LeDrew
by Beverly & Larry Grandy and Family*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Our gifts for Mission & Service support the important work of reconciliation with Indigenous members of The United Church of Canada. One of the programs Mission & Service supports is the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering. Many Indigenous members met on the territory of the Chippewas of Rama near Orillia, Ontario, in August 2019 to discern and decide on the structure and priorities for the self-determining Indigenous church within the United Church.

This fourth National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering provided opportunities for listening to and discerning the Creator’s plan, visioning, spiritual nurture, mutual accountability, inspiration, education, youth development, and expressing the voice of the Indigenous community on spirituality and ministry.

Using the Biidaabin* (“first light of a new day”) process of education, reflection and discussion, discernment, and decision-making, participants created and named a new national Indigenous church organization, elected a new National Indigenous Council, appointed a National Elders Council, and set priorities for the next triennium. The National Indigenous Council is an intergenerational group that includes two youth leaders.

As the planning team declared in its vision statement, the gathering would “inform, transform, and manifest healing and vitality. This is our act of decolonizing.” This vision and the decisions made at the gathering will help the Indigenous church to speak with a strong voice as its members continue to live into right relations.

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.

**Pronounced be-DAH-bin.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Climate Church, Climate World - online book Study

While we have been occupied dealing with a global pandemic and racial violence, the urgency of addressing the climate crisis is still growing. The church has an important role to play. This crisis is more than a science issue, it's a spiritual and moral issue, too.

Learn more about how to lead or support your community of faith in engaging to make a difference for future generations. Register to participate in the 5-week study and receive a discount on your copy of Climate Church, Climate World by Jim Antal.

Oct. 1st -30th - Thursday mornings at 10 am - 11:30

Contact the Ecological Justice Working Group of the Justice, Mission, and Outreach Committees of UCC Regions East.

Let's get back to safe singing!

Coastal Sounds Choir Association's Fall 2020 Program Info and Registration are now available

Visit www.coastalsounds.ca or email info@coastalsounds.ca for more information

All are welcome