

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

“The Church by the Side of the Road”

Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment

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Sunday, September 27, 2020 10:30 AM

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Community of Grace (*Words & Music: Mark Hayes, ASCAP*)

*The Holy Spirit has drawn us to this place,
A place of welcome, unity and grace.
And the image reflected on each face,
Is the spirit of love we know as God.
As we worship our Creator God,
We are embraced by Heavn’s redeeming love.
With grateful hearts and voices filled with praise,
We bless the source of all for this community of grace.*

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting

THE APPROACH

Opening Prayer (In Unison):

Holy God, We come before you in reverence and awe.
We thank you for your grace that has led us thus far.
Grant that this time of worship would celebrate the power of your love. Inspire within us a renewed thirst to discover your path for us.
Amen.

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart M #79

(Words: Ruth Duck, 1994; Music: Traditional melody, Ireland; arr. Arthur G. Clyde, 1997. Copyright The Pilgrim Press. Used by Permission)

*[Refrain] Spirit open my heart
To the joy and pain of living*

*As you love may I love
In receiving and in giving
Spirit, open my heart*

*God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. [Refrain]*

*May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. [Refrain]*

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 (Brad Cole)
Philippians 2:1-13 (Andrew Cranston)

Reflection: "What Do We Do Now?"

Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus VU #341 (*Words: From the German 1677, trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies 1850 alt. Music: Silesian folk melody in Schlesische Volkslieder 1842, harm. James Hopkirk, 1938.*)

*Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*All fairest beauty,
Heavenly and earthly
Wondrously, Jesus is found in thee
None can be nearer,
Fairer or dearer,
Than thou, my Saviour, art to me.*

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: 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: New Every Morning VU #405 (*Words: John Keble, 1822; Music: Samuel Webbe, 1782*)

*New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.*

*New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*Only, O God, in your dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.*

Benediction

Postlude: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation VU #325
(*Music: Henry Purcell, ca. 1682, adapt. Ernest Hawkins 1842, desc. W. Herbert Belyea, 1974.*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bissell Centre Offers Hope and Housing Help

Our Mission & Service grants for community ministries like Bissell Centre's Outreach Housing Team offers hope for a safer, more prosperous future to many people like Joe. Joe had been living on the streets when he first moved to Edmonton to be closer to his children. His first visit to Bissell Centre was for a shower and clean clothing. Afterward, he found a group of people sleeping under a gazebo together, using an electric blanket covered by a tarp to keep warm at night. "We slept under there, huddled together, just hoping to wake up in the morning," he said.

But after being robbed and left to freeze one night, Joe needed to make a change. Bissell Centre's support workers helped him find an affordable apartment and piece his life back together. "There were some nights when I wasn't sure if I'd survive. If it wasn't for Bissell Centre, I'd probably have frozen out there," he says. "But now, I'm okay. I have my kids and family back, and I have a lot of support. And I have a beautiful home to call my own." He has a job, and he volunteers at the Centre to give back to the community. None of this would have been possible without Mission & Service.

With additional support from Gifts with Vision, over 45 people housed through Bissell Centre's Outreach Housing Team were given a gift when they moved into new housing last year; items such as pots and pans, utensils, and linens made them feel more at home. Funds were also used

to purchase bus tickets to help people get to apartment viewings, secure new identification, or obtain a criminal record check.

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.

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

ST JAMES UNITED CHURCH'S 4TH ANNUAL

D I V E R S I T Y
F A I R

This year diversity goes virtual!

September 27th - October 11th

St. James United Church presents it's annual Diversity Fair in a virtual environment. Join us on line from September 27th (Orange Shirt Day) to October 11th (Thanksgiving). Solve puzzles to learn more about the groups making a difference in our community. Hear diverse music with our international hymn sing. Listen to interviews which present real-life stories of local people who face challenges regarding their ability to be included in our society, and hear them speak about what has changed, and what still needs to change.

Get involved!!

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