

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"
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LENT 4

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY: Samuel Bungay
We respectfully acknowledge the territory on which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk. We also recognize that the island of Newfoundland is the traditional homelands of the Beothuk and Mi'kmaq peoples; and that the original people of Labrador are the Innu and Inuit. We strive for respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation, and honour this beautiful land together.

HYMN: MV #79 Spirit Open My Heart

**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. **R**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story
In each thought, word and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLES: Naomi Bungay

I will light a light,
 **In the name of the Maker, who lit the world and breathed the
 breath of life into me.**

I will light a light,
 **In the name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his
 hand to me.**

I will light a light,
 **In the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world and blessed
 my soul with yearning.**

INTROIT: Spirit Of Life

 Spirit of life, come unto me.
 Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
 Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,
 move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
 Roots hold me close, wings set me free
 Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

LIGHTING THE LENTEN CANDLES: Sara Vey

On the journey we sometimes lose sight of what is really important.
 God helps us to see what is really important.

We get caught up on rules
 God helps us to see what is really important.

We tend to look to the past and fail to focus on what lies ahead.
 God helps us to see what is really important.

God challenges us to fully look at what is needed in the world and to work for the healing of each other and the world around us. We light a candle to guide us and to give us the vision to see what is really important.

(Light candle)

Let us pray:

Compassionate God, open our eyes to see the hope and potential of the world. Open our hearts to love as fully as you love us. Amen.

HYMN: VU#670 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,

And the day is past and gone,

At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT: Rebecca Woodman

I am giving Thee worship with my whole life,

I am giving Thee assent with my whole power.

I am giving Thee praise with my whole tongue,

I am giving Thee honour with my whole utterance.

I am giving Thee love with my whole devotion.

I am giving Thee kneeling with my whole desire.

I am giving Thee love with my whole heart.

I am giving Thee my affection with my whole sense.

I am giving Thee my existence with my whole mind,

I am giving Thee my soul, O God. Amen.

(from the Carmina Gadelica)

THE PEACE: Brianna Vey

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

And also with you.

HYMN: VU#352 I Danced In The Morning (v-1,2,5)

I danced in the morning, When the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon, And the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven, And I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem, I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he*

I danced for the scribe, And the pharisee,
But they would not dance, And they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, For James and John
They came with me, And the Dance went on. **R**

They cut me down, And I leapt up high;
I am the life, That'll never, never die
I'll live in you, If you'll live in me -
I am the Lord, Of the Dance, said he; **R**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison) - Words attributed to St. Patrick

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at my end and at my departing. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

MUSICAL REFLECTION: Daddy Sang Bass

REFLECTION

HYMN: #642 Be Thou My Vision (V. 1,2,4,5)

Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife
I ever with thee, and thou in my life,
Thou loving parent, thy child may I be
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

Great God of heaven, after victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS:

SUNG OFFERTORY:

Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny, hold on tight and you won't have any.
Lend it spend it and you'll have so many- they'll roll all over the floor!
Love is something if you give it away, give it away, give it away
Love is something if you give it away, you'll end up having more.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison) Charlotte Powell

**Jesus, our Christ and Companion, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives and world into yours. Take us and all that we give,
revive and remake your people; renew and restore your earth. What has
been is past. What shall be, through you, still awaits. Lead us on. Take us
with you. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER: Kumbaya

Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya
Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya
Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Standing In The Need of Prayer

Not my brother, nor my sister but it's me oh Lord
Standing in The need of prayer
Not my brother, nor my sister but it's me oh Lord
Standing in The need of prayer

*It's me, It's me of Lord, Standing in the need of prayer
It's me, it's me oh Lord Standing in the need of prayer*

Not the stranger, nor my neighbour, but it's me oh Lord
Standing in The need of prayer

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me oh Lord
Standing in The need of prayer **R**

HYMN: #586 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

We shall go out, with hope of resurrection
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on ,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing out songs, of wrongs that can be righted
We'll dream our dreams of hurt that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of new life-in Christ

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer
Expressive love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
Raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all in circles of- our love.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: Chelsea Hodder

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POSTLUDE



LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

At Our Church This Week:

(CH) Church Hall/ (BR) Board Room/ (S) Sanctuary

Sunday Mar 19, 2023	Aurora	6:30pm (CH)
Monday, Mar 20, 2023	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
	Sparks	6:00pm (CH)
Tuesday, Mar 21, 2023	Brownies/Guides	6:00pm (CH)
	Coastal Sounds	7:00pm (S)
Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023	Coffee Time	10:00am (CH)
	Inspiration	6:00pm (S)
	CBSYC	7:00pm (CH)
Thursday, Mar 23, 2023	Family Resource Ctr	9-12pm (CH)
	Choir	7:30pm (S)
	Winner's in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Friday, Mar 24, 2023	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
Sunday, Mar 26, 2023	Worship/Sunday School	10:30 (S&CH)

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Men's Club Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday April 1 from 8-11 AM. Usual great menu. Cost \$10 Adults, Children \$5. Pictures with the Easter Bunny, treats for the kids, Face Painting and colouring. All are welcome.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Please contact the church office if you wish to make a special donation in memory of a loved one for Easter.

TUC COMMITTEE SIGN UP

If anyone is interested in joining a committee, there is a sign up sheet placed in the vestibule.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2022 Contribution Statements have been sent out. If you have not received yours by mail or email. Please contact Dawn at the office. Remember to check your spam mail.

OUTREACH

Old Eyeglasses? Outreach is still collecting glasses for the Lions Club. Please leave them with the Ushers in the vestibule or drop off at the Office any morning.

ENVELOPES

2023 Envelopes are available. Call the office to arrange pickup. If you don't already have an envelope number and/or would like to be set up on PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) please contact Dawn at the office.

If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy, please contact the church office - Telephone: 834-4567 or 771-9779(cell)
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