

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"
Fully Accessible; Scent-Free Environment
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EASTER SUNDAY

WE GATHER AS GOD'S REJOICING PEOPLE

PRELUDE
WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #412 This is the Day (vs. 1)

*This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come, let us hear the exciting news!

What news is that?

It is about Jesus Christ, once dead and buried. The exciting news is, he is alive and lives forevermore. His message and his example will not be lost.

This is the joyful news, because new life is now possible and open to all.

We come with thankful hearts to God. We welcome the Good News.

Praise be to God who raised Jesus to new life!

HYMN: #161 Welcome Happy Morning

Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today;
come then, True and Faithful, now fulfil your word;
this is your third morning: rise, O buried Lord!

**Welcome, happy morning! age to age shall say;
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!**

Earth with joyful welcome clothes itself for spring;
greeted with life reviving our returning king:

flowers in every pasture, leaves on every bough,
speak of sorrow ended; Jesus triumphs now! **R**

Author and sustainer, source of life and breath;
you for our salvation trod the path of death:
Jesus Christ is living, God for evermore!
Now let all creation hail him and adore. **R**

Loose our souls imprisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
all that now fallen, raise to life again!
Show your face in brightness, shine the whole world through;
hope returns with daybreak, life returns with you. **R**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

God's promises are sure and steadfast. Throughout our Lenten journey, God has never abandoned us.

Today we celebrate that through Jesus' resurrection we have been given new life. We have been given new hope. We have been given new courage to boldly proclaim our hope in Christ. We celebrate our new life, new joy and new possibilities. Christ is alive among us. (*The Christ Candle is lit*)

We are assured that God's covenant of love is alive forever. Christ who has died is risen and is with us always. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ACT OF PRAISE: #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

EASTER PRAYER

THE PEACE:

Today is a new day! New life is rising among us! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! So let us greet one another in love. Let us praise God who uplifts each of us in grace! May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

HYMN: #121 (MV) Hey Now! Singing Hallelujah!

Hey now! Singing hallelujah! Hey Now! The morning has come!
Hey now! Singing hallelujah! The tomb was empty at the rising sun

Jesus loved people and he made friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He called to the children and the woman and men.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

Jesus healed people and he helped them be well.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He taught about God in the stories he'd tell.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. **R**

Jesus loved people and they said he was a king.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
He turned all the tables on everything.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. R

Jesus had power and they took him away.
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
They nailed him to a cross and they killed him one day.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. R

Jesus loves people and he lives again!
Hey now, the tomb was empty.
Calls us disciples and he calls us his friends.
Hey now, the tomb was empty. R

LEARNING TOGETHER

WE LISTEN FOR THE GOD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

O God for whom there are no barriers, no stones too big to remove, roll away our resistance to you. Let your words fill us with new life and bring us out from the tomb of indifference, alive and again in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 118, VU#837 (Parts 1-3)

Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Let Israel now say:
"God's love endures for ever"
Let the house of Aaron say:
"God's love endures for ever."
Let those who fear God say:
"God's love endures for ever." R

God is my strength and my song; God has become my salvation.
**There are shouts of joy and deliverance
in the tents of the righteous.**
The right hand of God does mighty things;
the right hand of God raises up.
The right hand of God does mighty things.
I shall not die, but live; and I shall proclaim what God has done.
**God indeed punished me,
but did not give me over to death.** R

Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to God.
This is the gate of God;

through it the righteous shall enter.

I thank you for you have answered me;
you have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing, marvelous in your eyes.

**This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

R

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

OFFERTORY

SUNG OFFERTORY: (TUNE #232)

*Joyful, joyful, Lord we bring you gifts that you can use today.
Take them, bless them, may your kingdom spread to all the world we pray.
We are here our time, our talents, we would dedicate as well.
May we show Christ's love within us, by our lives, our faith to tell.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

Great God, you have given us life! May we in response give you our living: hearts and minds, time and talents, for the sharing of your love and the celebration of your grace. We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Friends, hear the good news.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

A day that begun in mourning and fear has turned to joy and witness.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

A table left for the shadows of the garden has become a table drenched in the light of One mistaken gardener.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Come from the north and the south, the east and the west, come from your fears and your grieving, your lost hopes and forgotten dreams – and come to a table set with grace and power that will not be deterred.

For Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN: #480 Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees **R**

Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees. **R**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our merciful God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Hallelujah...the song of a new day.

**Holy, holy, holy God, Power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!**

As we gather at this table... the Risen Christ.

**We remember and give thanks for Jesus, crucified and risen, the Eternal One: our
Christ who comes again to meet us.**

God of Easter... now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison)

Life-giving God, we give thanks for the gift of our Saviour's presence in the simplicity and splendour of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by the life of Christ that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN: #157 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, hallelujah!
all creation join to say; hallelujah!
raise your joys and triumphs high; hallelujah!
sing, O heavens, and earth reply: hallelujah!

Love's redeeming work is done, hallelujah!
fought the fight, the battle won. Hallelujah!
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er! Hallelujah!
Lo! he dwells in death no more! Hallelujah!

Lives again our glorious King: hallelujah!
where, O death, is now your sting? Hallelujah!
Once he died, our souls to save: hallelujah!
where your victory, O grave? Hallelujah!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, hallelujah!
praise to you by both be given! Hallelujah!
Every knee to you shall bow, hallelujah!
risen Christ, triumphant now. Hallelujah!

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

ACT OF PRAISE: (tune #409)

*His is the kingdom, power and glory,
Spirit of Jesus risen to stay.
Joyful our praises, now and forever,
God's resurrection, blest Easter Day!*

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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) Email: kathy.brett101@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes will begin in the Spring. Youth Grade 7 and Adults are welcome to take part. Please contact the office if you or someone you know is interested.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Men's club will be meeting Monday, April 18th @ 6:30pm.

COFFEE GROUP MEETING

Our Coffee Group will be on break for the next two weeks and will resume meeting in person on Wednesday, April 27th at 10:00am in the church hall. We would love to see new and returning women for a time of fellowship.

2022 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE:

2022 envelopes are still available for pick up by contacting the church office via phone or email to make an appointment for pick up.

DONATE YOUR RECYCLING & SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Topsail United Church has an account at the CBS recycling depot. All proceeds go to our youth programs. Just label your bags "TUC 834-4567" and drop them off! Labels are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

OPTIONS FOR GIVING "VIRTUALLY"

In light of the continuing uncertainty created by the COVID pandemic, many in our congregation may prefer "virtual" means to continue to support the work of our church financially. Please consider the following options:

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR)

During these times, we would encourage members of the congregation to consider making monthly givings through PAR. It is an easy and contact free way to support your church. Envelopes are still available for special occasions and gifts. Contact the office at 834-4567 or office@topsailunited.ca to set up your pre authorized givings. It is quick, easy and worry free!

THROUGH E-TRANSFER

We are set up to receive your givings via electronic funds transfer using the church email address above.

Cowan Heights Church is having a **Frozen Fish Cake \$ale** fundraiser. With or without onions for \$10/bag. Orders & Payment is due no later than April 30th. Orders can be placed by calling Cowan Heights Church Office, at 745-2871. Pick up at church, Saturday May 7 at 2pm.