

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

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World Wide Communion Sunday

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #402 We are One (vs. 1)

*We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.*

*We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We gather as a family of God.

We rejoice that we are made one with Christ.

Through the sharing of a holy meal, we are welcomed
just as we are.

We rejoice that we are made one with Christ.

We gather to give praise through the spirit that unites us.

We rejoice that we are made one with Christ.

OPENING PRAYER: #79(MV) 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*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

ACT OF PRAISE: #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THEME CONVERSATION

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Long Ago and Far Away

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**We are your children, God who long to be close to you and to do what is pleasing to you.
Guide us now to truly hear you so that we may have a better understanding of what you
would have us do. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 8, VU#732

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

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From the lips of infants and children your praises
Reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
To quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**What are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
Mere human beings that you should care for us? R**

You have made us little less than divine,
And crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
And put all things under our feet,
All sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
The birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
And all that make their way through the waters. R**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:2-16

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

SUNG OFFERTORY: #402 We are One (Vs. 2)

*We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**We are your children, God who long to be close to you and to do what is pleasing to you.
Guide us now to truly hear you so that we may have a better understanding of what you
would have us do. Amen.**

WE SHARE IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Here is the table of celebration.

Here we know that we are God's people.

Here heaven and earth touch in a holy moment of mystery and awe.

Here we feel the miracle of the divine presence.

Here we belong.

Here our hungers are satisfied and our thirsts are quenched.

Here all are welcomed by God's grace.

HYMN: #194(MV) Bread of Life Feed My Soul

*Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.*

*I have heard your voice calling,
"Come, my friend, and share
In the feast that is laid out for you
To show how much I care."*

*Bread of life, help me live
A life as pure and true as Jesus did.
Bread of life, help me see
The boundless love of Christ for you and me.
I have heard your voice calling,
"Come, my friend, and share
In the feast that is laid out for you
To show how much I care."*

*Bread of life, feed my soul,
As the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
With the grace and mercy you impart.*

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Beloved of God, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our lips.

Our hearts truly long... to your heart:

Sung Response: #402 We are One (Vs. 3)

*We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;*

*and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.*

We praise you... we call faith:

Christ died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

O God, pour out...now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (unison)

God of Unity, as we have been made one in the holy meal we have shared, help bind us together in our mission and service to follow in the ways of Christ who welcomed all into your grace. Amen.

HYMN: #602 Blest Be the Ties That Bind

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian Love;
The unity of heart and mind
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Maker's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.*

*We share each other's woes,
Each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.*

*This glorious hope revives
Our courage on the way;
That we shall live in perfect love
In God's eternal day.*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

SUNG BLESSING: #402 (vs. 4)

*We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.*



To the Glory of God, Today's Bulletin is a gift given

In loving memory of son *Michael LeGrow* and daughter,
Pamela LeGrow from Ed, Debbie and Christine

&

In joy and celebration on the occasion of **Russell Parsons'** 99th birthday
on October 10 from the Men's Club



LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Mon, Oct. 7	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
	Kingsway	10:30pm
	Men's Club Dinner Meeting	6:30pm (CH)
Tues, Oct. 8	Sparks	6:00pm (BR)
	Tai Chi	10am (CH)
	Embers	6pm (CH)
Wed, Oct. 9	TUC Afternoon Tea Party	2-4:00 pm (CH)
	Inspiration	6:30pm (S)
	CBSYC	6:30pm (CH)
Thurs, Oct. 10	Family Resource Pgm	9-12pm (CH)
	TUC Choir	7:30pm (S)
	Winners in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Friday, Oct. 11	Tai Chi	9:00am (CH)
Sat, Oct 12	TUC Thanksgiving Breakfast	8-11am (CH)
Sun, Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Worship	10:30am

DECORATING FOR THANKSGIVING

Please drop off items to decorate the Sanctuary during office hours, Mon thru Friday 9-12pm or at our Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, October 12

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

The TUC Coffee Group's Afternoon Tea Party on Wednesday, October 9 from 2-4pm has sold out!

MEN'S CLUB THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

The Men's Club will hold a Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, October 12 from 8-11am with the usual great menu. Adults \$10, children \$5.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a four-part study of wisdom in scriptures through prayer and discussion. Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5 at 12:30pm. Bring your brown bag lunch, minds and hearts and learn together.

TUC CHOIR ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS!

Our choir is accepting new members – Youth (ages 12+) and adult members are welcome. Rehearsals are 7:30pm on Thursdays. Email Hayley (Music Director) at haylethynes93@gmail.com

FIRST DAWN EASTERN EDGE EVENT - FLOURISHING

Spend a day with the Moderator, engaging in reflection and energizing activities towards dream-oriented actions for our churches and communities. The event will take place at Cowan Heights United Church on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (local time). There is no cost. You can register by contacting Rev. Heather Sandford, Regional Minister at 1-800-268-3781, ext 6155 or email HSandford@united-church.ca.

ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION

We are excited to announce that our annual online auction will take place from **October 15 to October 30**. Donations of new items must be dropped off at the office no later than October 7. Please indicate the value and the donor's name when dropping off. Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of used items.

FALL FLEA MARKET

Our annual fall flea market will take place on **October 26** from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Admission \$1. Donations welcome. Main drop off Friday, October 25 from 10:00am - 5pm. **Do not** just leave items in the church without notice. Check with Mildred 781 - 2092 to make other arrangements. We may not be able to take everything that you want to donate. No toys, clothes, shoes, magazines or electronics, or children/baby items (e.g. car seats, cribs etc).

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

We will be hosting an evening of family fun including crafts, snacks and treats at the church parking lot and hall on Sunday, **October 27** starting at 6:30pm.