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WE GATHER AS GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME

SHARING TIME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

INTROIT: #18(MV) Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure, holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN: #2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

In Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God.

ACT OF PRAISE: #95(MV)How Deep the Peace

How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose hearts are healed.

THE PEACE:

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

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

LETTER FROM THE FAMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES OF PARENTS

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS OF SUPPORT

Let us pledge our support and care.

**Charlotte Kimberley Halfyard, as a baptized and baptizing people, we
commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.**

May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism and live our commitment to this promise.

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #918 A New Creed

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

POURING OF THE WATER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ACT OF BAPTISM
MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS
BLESSING**

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME:

Charlotte, into the household of faith we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

Charlotte, we welcome you as members of God's family.

We welcome you with love that you may know Christ's love.

We welcome you with joy that you may learn of Christ's joy.

We welcome you by name that you may know who you are.

We welcome you in Christ's name that you may know whose you are.

You are a part of our family and will always find a welcome place here.

**PRESENTATIONS: Candle and Certificate
BLESSING**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: I Have Called You By Your Name

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

O God, open our ears, unveil our eyes and soften our hearts, by the power of your illuminating Spirit, to hear with fresh awareness the message of your Holy Word. Amen.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 91, VU#807

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand."**

You who dwell in the shelter of your God,

Who abide in God's shadow for life,

Say to your God: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,

And famine will bring you no fear:

Under God's wings your refuge,

God's faithfulness your shield. R

You need not fear the terror of the night,

Nor the arrow that flies by day;

Though thousands fall about you,

Near you it shall not come.

For to the angels is given a command to guard you
In all your ways

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. R**

“Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,
I will uphold them because they know my name.

When they call to me I will answer,
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue and bring them to honour.

**With long life I will satisfy them,
And show them my saving power.” R**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN: Are You Lost

Are you lost among earth’s peoples,
Wand’ring cold and all alone?
Do you wonder if you’re cherished?
Do you wonder if you’re known?
Love will bind us as a fibre,
Washed and carded, spun and wound,
Knit together as a blanket,
Warmed and welcomed, sought and found.

Are you bruised by hurt and hardship,
Strained by wrongs or racked by need?
Do you tire of endless waiting
For the world to free and feed?
Love will join us as a body
With the strength and means to mend;
Ev’ry member bears a treasure
On which all of us depend.

Are you hoping for a future
That is better than our past?
Are you yearning for communion
Where the first are welcomed last?

Love delights in all our difference,
Teaching justice and respect,
Calling souls and skills and powers
To repair and reconnect.

In our wilderness of people
Let us seek the common good.
In our discord and divisions
Hearts can still be understood.
Love is with us when we're working,
Turning strangers into kin.
Love invites us and unites us
To be better than we've been.

- Words Hannah C. Brown 2024, #61 Then Let us Sing

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

SUNG OFFERTORY: What Can I Do?

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (responsive)

We praise you Creator God. All blessings come from you.
Our hearts and our lives overflow with your love. We offer back a portion of our blessings so that
the light of your love shines brightly.
Help us to use these gifts to feed your people, to bring healing and comfort to those who are
hurt,
to bring nourishment to those who hunger, and to bring guidance and wisdom to those who are
lost.
May these gifts bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #678 For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,

You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

*To the Glory of God, a gift has been received in memory of **Sandra Lynn Parsons** who passed away on September 24, 2024. Greatly missed by George, Scott and Dana.*

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Weekly Calendar of Events

Mon. Sept 29	Tai Chi (Beginner)	9:30am (CH)
	Coastal Kids	1:30-5:30pm (CH)
	Sparks	6:00pm (CH)
Tues. Sept 30	Tai Chi	10:00am (CH)
	Coastal Kids	1:30-5:30pm (CH)
	Embers & Guides	6:30pm (CH)
Wed. Oct 1	Coffee Group	10:00 am (CH)
	Coastal Kids	1:30-5:30pm (CH)

	TUC Inspiration Choir	7:00 pm (S)
	CBS Youth Choir	6:30 pm (CH)
Thurs. Oct 2	Municipal Election	All day (CH)
Fri. Oct 3	Tai Chi	9:30am (CH)
	Coastal Kids	1:30-5:30pm (CH)
Sun. Oct 4	Worship & Coffee	10.:30 am (S)
	Meditation & Yoga	2:00-3:00pm (CH)

CH = Church Hall, BR = Boardroom, S = Sanctuary

Today we welcome Charlotte Kimberley Halfyard and her family to our community of faith at Topsail United Church

Blessing of the Animals: On Sunday, October the 5th at 2:00 you are welcomed to bring your pets to the church parking lot for a blessing service. You are welcome to bring along treats for your pets as we share together after the blessing. For more information, please contact Rev. Kathy.

Coffee/Tea and Bake Sale: We will be having a morning coffee/tea and bake sale on Wednesday, October 8th from 10 am to 12 noon. Cost will be \$7.00 at the door. All are welcome!

Thanksgiving Breakfast: The Men's Club will be having the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, October 11. More info to follow.

Fall Flea Market: The Annual Fall Flea Markey will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Admission is \$1. Donations are welcome on Friday October 17 from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Please do not leave any items anywhere is the church before October 17. Arrangements for early drop-off can be made with Mildred (781-2092) or Gillian (781-1562). We cannot take: electronics, child's car seats, cribs, playpens, small toys, clothes, shoes or magazines.

Moose Burgers: The Men's Club will be selling BBQ moose burgers during the Flea Market. They are \$5 each and will be available in the parking lot.

Annual Online Auction: We are excited to announce our 9th annual online auction on Monday, October 20th and ending Thursday, October 30th. We will use the same online platform as last year and Thanks again to Wayne Bartlett of Bartlett Auctions Inc.

If you wish to donate items, they must be NEW AND NOT USED. Items can be dropped off at the office no later than Friday, October 17th. This will allow time for our volunteers to arrange items and post them to the website before the start date. When you drop off your donation, we will need the APPROXIMATE VALUE AND DONOR NAME. Baked goods and handcrafted items are greatly welcome.

This is a great way to support your church. Funds raised will allow Topsail United to continue supporting the communities in which we serve. Please reach out to any member of the auction committee, Brad Cole (709)682-2804, Willie Keats (709)682-1366, Gillian Corbet, Mildred Coles, Paul Alexander and Bob Woodman. Thank you and God Bless.

Gospel of the King New Date: The new date for the concert will be Oct. 4@7:00pm. Tickets \$30 each are still available and can be purchased by EMT to office@topsailunited.ca. or drop by the church office. If you require a refund, please contact the office at 709-834-4567.

Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship & Marshall Bequest: Information on these funds (applications etc.) can be found on the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council website. The Trust Fund is for awarding grants to students who are enrolled in a degree program or a three-year diploma program at a post-secondary institution. The Bequest supports ministers' children who attend post-secondary institutions.