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WE GATHER AS GOD’S 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:

Friends, let us worship in the assurance that God is with us.

God welcomes us.

Friends, let us worship in the assurance that no matter who we are.

God loves us.

Friends let us worship in the assurance that if we stray.

God seeks us.

Friends let us we worship and know that God accepts us.

HYMN: #395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Come in, come in and sit down,

You are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found,

And we are a part of the family.

You know the reason why you came,
Yet no reason can explain;
So share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
For we are a part of the family.

R

God is with us in this place,
Like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
For we are a part of the family.

R

There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,
But we are a part of the family.

R

There's rest for the weary and health for us all;
There's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.
So come in and worship and answer the call,
For we are a part of the family. R

OPENING PRAYER

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.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: #371 Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 14, VU#735

Dear God, who loves all humankind, forgive our foolish ways.

The foolish have spoken in their heart,
And said "There is no God."

They are corrupt; they do abominable things;

There is no one who does what is good.

God looks down from heaven upon us all,
To see if any are wise and seek after God.

**But all have gone astray; all alike are corrupted;
There is no one who does good; no, not one. R**

Have they no knowledge, all those who do evil?

**They devour my people like so much bread,
And do not pray to God.**

But see, they will tremble with fear,
For God is on the side of the righteous.

**Do not mock the hope of the poor,
For God is their refuge.**

O that deliverance for God's people
Would come forth from Zion!

**When God restores the fortunes of the people,
Then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. R**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Life's Railways to Heaven

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

OFFERTORY

SUNG OFFERTORY: #191 (MV) 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: (unison)

We give these gifts, back to you O God, the Giver of all gifts. May they be signs of your blessings on the world. Blessings of hope, justice and peace, given in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #356 Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And God's righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Topsail United Church Choirs: Mixed choir practices will resume on Thursday, September 25th at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome (youth too!). For more info contact hayleyhynes93@gmail.com.

Church Picnic: September 21st is Family Sunday Worship. And in this Season of Creation we will worship outside (weather permitting). Following worship we will have a picnic and some old fashioned games. We will provide hotdogs and we ask if you could bring a salad or dessert to share. Come and celebrate that we are a church family.

Outreach: will be supporting students in our local Intermediate and High Schools with school supplies as they return to school.
We will be in contact with the Guidance Counsellors for their help to identify the most needed items and any student who needs help at this time. The Men's Club and Coffee Group have both agreed to contribute money and if you would also like to donate, please send your donation to the office marked "Back to School Supplies". Thank you.

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.

Thanksgiving Breakfast: The Men's Club will be having the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on Saturday, October 11. Mark your calendars and more details to follow

Enduring Stories of Women of the Bible: Meet some of the most powerful women in the Bible portrayed by the women of St. John's Basilica Parish accompanied by the CBS

Harps. 7pm on Friday, September 19 at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Free admission but a freewill donation in aid of CBN wildfire relief will be appreciated.

Storytime and Harps: Presented by the CBS Harps, storytime suitable for children 3-8 years of age. 10:30-11:30am on Saturday, September 20 at the CBS Public Library.

Guiding Units at TUC: The Sparks Unit will begin meetings on Monday September 22 at 6pm. The Ember and Guide Units will begin their meetings on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30pm.

Tai Chi by The Sea: A new Beginner Class starts on Monday, Sept. 22nd for 2 months. Classes are every Monday and Friday at 11.45a.m. here at the church. The cost is \$40.00. For more information contact: shoretaichi@gmail.com

St. Edwards Parish Musical Fundraiser: A fundraiser in support of a new heat pump will take place at 7pm on Saturday, September 27. Various performers. Tickets are \$25 from the parish office (709-834-9481) or Mona (709-325-3550)

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.

Cowan Heights Garage Sale: The Men's Club at the Cowan Heights United Church will be hosting a garage sale on Saturday, September 20 from 8:30 am to 11 am. Donations can be dropped off at the Church on Friday September 19 beginning at 7 pm."