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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #376 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

Friends, give praise to the Creator!

We join with creation in glorifying God's holy name.

Friends, worship in love!

Jesus taught us to love one another and we offer that love to God, to each other and the world!

Friends, feel the Spirit!

The Holy Spirit joins us and unites us, setting within us hearts willing to serve!

Friends let us worship together!

We worship with our whole beings!

HYMN: #226 For the Beauty of the Earth

For The Beauty Of The Earth" VU 226 (Tune VU81)
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.
God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Chorus
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Chorus
For each perfect gift sublime to our race so, freely given,

Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Chorus

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

ACT OF PRAISE: #958 Halle, Halle, Halle

THE PEACE:

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Through the scriptures, God calls to us, offering us guidance and hope.
Open our hearts, O God to hear you speaking to us, inspiring us and challenging us to be your faithful and loving people. And in bring your Word into the world through our actions and words.
Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148, VU#871

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory be to God on high"

Praise God from the heavens; give praise in the heights!
Give praise, all you angels; praise God, all you hosts!
Praise God, sun and moon; give praise, stars and lights!
Praise God, farthest heavens,
and all waters beyond heaven! R

Let all things praise the Holy One at whose command
they were created,
Who established them for all time,
setting bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise God from the earth,
great sea creatures and ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and frost,
gales that obey God's decree,
all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars,
wild animals and cattle, creatures winged and earth-bound,

Sovereigns who rule earth and its people,
all who govern and judge this world,
young men and women alike,
old people and children together! R

Let all things the name of God,
the name above every other,
whose splendor covers heaven and earth.

 You give strength to your people
 songs of praise to your faithful,
to Israel, the people dear to your heart. R

EPISTLE READING: Revelation 21:1-6

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: #365 Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, in his love we shall be strong
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago;
Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me"
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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)

O God, you call us to love and so in response to your call we give our gifts as a sign of our devotion to you and to your kingdom of love. We ask your blessing upon these signs of our love in action so that all may know the full extent of your love for all creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

God hear our prayer,
And in your love, answer.

HYMN: #713 I See a New Heaven

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
As the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
And without price goes
To all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
Yielding her fruit, firm in her root,
The Tree of Life will be. R

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
Body and soul, struggling but whole
Like flowers after the rain. R

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
Reveals the promise of love. R

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. R

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Today's bulletin is a gift given in loving memory of sister and Aunt, **Glenda Mercer** from all the family,

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Mon. May 19	Tai Chi	9:30am (CH)
	Sparks	6:00pm (CH)
Tues. May 20	Tai Chi	10am (CH)
	Family Resource Centre	12 pm (CH)
	Embers	6:30pm (CH)
Wed. May 21	Coffee Group	10:00 am (CH)
	Inspiration Group	6:30 pm (S)
	CBS Youth Choir	6:30 pm (CH)
Thurs. May 22	Family Resource	9-12pm (CH)
	Girl Guides	6:30 pm (CH)
	Choir	7:30 pm (S)
	Winners in Sobriety	8:00pm (CH)
Fri. May 23	Tai Chi	9:30am (CH)
Sat. May 24	Afternoon Tea Party	2:00pm(CH)
Sun. May 25	Worship & Coffee	10.:30 am (S)
	Aurora Rehearsal	6:30 pm (S)

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

Flipper Dinner: Thank you to the Men's Club and all who supported the annual flipper dinner.

Spring Clean Up: Thank you to all who helped with our spring cleaning.

Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale: Join us for an afternoon tea and bake sale on May 24th, 2025 at 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Special Guest will be Avalonia. Tickets are \$15 adult and \$7 for Children under 12. Please call the church office @ 709-834-4567 to reserve tickets.

SPECIAL CELEBRATION: On Sunday May 25th we will be joined by Heather Cronhelm who was a student for Ministry from Topsail United. Heather was recently recognized for Designated Lay Ministry during the First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council's Celebration of Ministries Service. Heather will preach and we will present Heather with gifts and share in cake and refreshments following worship.

Singing Hope: Our Inspiration Youth Group will hold a fundraising concert celebrating youth music programs in CBS on Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 @ 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Admission \$10, Children under 12 free.

CBS/ Paradise Food Bank: The CBS/Paradise Food Bank is currently in need of Tea bags, Kraft Dinner, Flour and Tinned Vegetables, especially Corn. If you can help out with any of these items please

bring your donation to the church next Sunday and we will deliver it to the Food Bank. Thank you.

St. John's & Area Council of Churches

The St. John's and Area Council of Churches will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Dinner on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew's (the Kirk) Church Hall. There will be a guest speaker, musical entertainment and a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings followed by a delicious dessert! For tickets (\$20.00 each), please contact Rev. Kathy Brett at 709-771-9779.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

June 10th marks 100 years of the Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice of the United Church of Canada and we will celebrate on June 8th.

Topsail United 10:30 am. We will be joined by two special guests from the General Council Office; Rev. Alan Hall (Executive Minister Shared Services- Pension, Benefits, Human Resources and Payroll, GCO Administration, Legal and Incorporated Ministries; and Sarah Charters, Officer for Philanthropy & President of the United Church Foundation. Following worship we will have a special fellowship time.

Gower Street United 7:00 pm. The National Church Worship of Celebration will take place, all are welcome.

In September, Topsail United will hold an old fashioned Church Picnic to celebrate. More details to follow.