

## **TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**

**“The Church by the Side of the Road”**

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**INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER**

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## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND 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: #19 (MV) Lord Prepare Me**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary*

*Pure and holy, tried and true*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,*

*Sanctuary for you.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER:**

We call upon the light, God's light. The light shall shine upon and within us.

**The light is God and it is great.**

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

It shall encourage us, strengthen us, guide us, protect us, shield us, love us, empower us, ground us, give us wisdom and the actions of God's Holy Spirit.

*(Silent reflection)*

O God, allow us to accept the light and creation of the lives we each lead.

**We love you, God. We love you, Holy Spirit. We love you, Jesus.**

With peace and forgiveness, in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

**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*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**THE PEACE:**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**THEME CONVERSATION**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC: I Am The Dream**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** (unison)

Eternal God, by the power of your Spirit, speak your Word to us this day, that hearing, we may know your truth and live ever more faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**EPISTLE READING:** Galatians 3:23-29

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 42, VU#768 (Refrain 1)

**GOSPEL READING:** John 16:12-12-15

**REFLECTION**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYmn: #266** Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound**

That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares.  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.  
  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
This word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portions be  
As long as life endures.  
  
When we've been there ten thousand years,

**Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

We are, all of us, Treaty People: original inhabitants and those who came later—inheritors of a diverse history, dwellers in a common land, travellers toward a better day.

**We have known friendship and animosity, cooperation and oppression, blessing and pain.**

And now we embrace the sacred covenant that heralds a new beginning:

that softens the heart and dismantles the prisons of the present and the past.

**We joyfully claim our rights and responsibilities as Treaty People.**

**Amen.**

*— Treaty People's Creed (2011), The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference*

**VIDEO:** United Church Foundation

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

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

*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.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (UNISON)**

**We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN: #560 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee**

## **BLESSINGS AND SENDING FORTH**