

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
"The Church by the Side of the Road"

www.topsailunited.ca

Email: office@topsailunited.ca

Office Phone: 709-834-4567

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00am-12:00pm

Minister: Rev. Kathy J. Brett (cell 771-9779)

Music Director: Hayley Hynes

Youth Program & Tech Coordinator: Brett Vey

Office Administrator: Dawn White



AUGUST 25, 2024

Check out our website at www.topsailunited.ca
and like us on Facebook

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND SHARING TIME

INTROIT: #18 (MV) Lord Prepare Me

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy and tried true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred and filled with hope.

Amen and amen.

HYMN: #405 New Every Morning

*New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life, and power, and thought.*

*New mercies each returning day
Hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.*

*If on our daily course our mind
Be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless price
God will provide for sacrifice.*

*The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.*

*Only, o god, in your dear love
Fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day,
To live more nearly as we pray*

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

THE PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN: #337 Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.*

***This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R***

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. **R***

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (unison)

Nourish us, O God, with your Word of life. Bring us to our senses so your purposes may be apparent to us. Grant that we may hear you speaking to us, offering us freedom and hope. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 84, VU#800

**How Lovely is your dwelling place,
O god of hosts, to me!**

How lovely is your dwelling place, God of hosts!
My soul longs, even faints for the courts of God;
my heart and my flesh cry for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
at the altars, God of hosts, my sovereign, my God. R

Happy are those who dwell in your house,
Ever singing you praise.

**Happy are those whose strength is in you,
Who have set their heart on pilgrimage.**

Going through the valley of Baca
They find a spring from which also to drink;
The early rain also covers it with pools of water.
They go from strength to strength,
To appear before God in Zion. R

O God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob.
**Behold, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed.**

Truly a day in your courts
Is better than a thousand elsewhere.
**I would rather be a doorkeeper
In the house of my God
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For you, God are a sun and shield,
You will give grace and honor.
No good thing will you withhold
From those who live the upright life.
**O God of hosts,
Happy are those who put their trust in you. R**

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69

REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN: #703 In the Bulb There is a Flower

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
In cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

SUNG OFFERTORY: #541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)

O God, you keep your covenant and show your love for your servants. Receive these offerings as a token of our desire to be strong in faith. We are ready to serve in Jesus' name. amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN: #710 Shall We Gather at the River

*Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

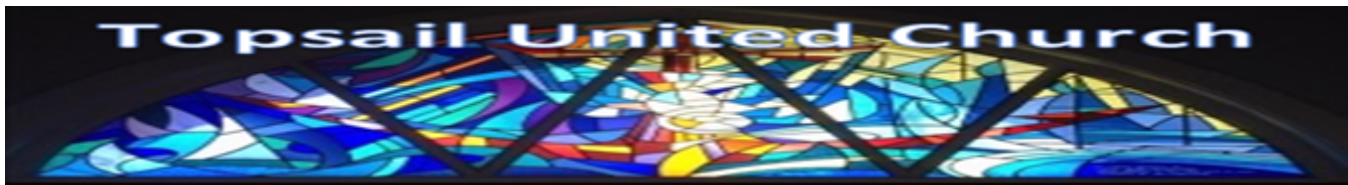
*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down,
Grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will
quiver with the melody of peace. R*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy, please contact the church office 709-834-4567 or 709-771-9779(cell), Email: kathy.brett101@gmail.com



LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

OFFICE HOUR CHANGE

TUC office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays starting Aug 30th till September 30th.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

To help with the high cost of school supplies, we are seeking donations of "Back to School" items such as crayons, pencils, exercise books etc. to distribute to schools in our community.

CLEAN UP DAY

On Sunday, September 22, we will clean up around our neighborhood at 4pm. Following the clean up we will share in food. All ages are welcome to come along as we live with respect in creation and join together in fellowship. More details to follow.

COASTAL SOUND CHOIR SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking to join a choir, we are one month away from the start of our 2024/2025 season. Coastal Sounds choir & Aurora Women's Choir are looking for new members and would love to meet you. Please email Abra at aurorachoir.ad@gmail.com

CAFÉ OF MEMORIES

On Sept. 3rd from 2-4pm at Freemason's Hall, come join Lodge Westmoorland & the Alzheimer Society, as they host an afternoon of entertainment with *The Sweet Forget-Me Nots* and refreshments for people living with dementia and their care partners! Limited space so call to register @ 709-576-0608. Free of charge!

FIRST UNITED CHURCH CONCERT

Come join us on Saturday, Sept 14th, 2024 at 7pm for the 'The Irish Descendants'. Tickets are only \$30 and can be purchased at our church office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 12 noon, or after our 11 am Sunday Worship service. For further information, please call our church office at 709-368-2194.