

**MAY 30, 2021  
TRINITY SUNDAY**

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND SHARING TIME**

**INTROIT:** HFG # 148 Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God is the giver of life; the source of light and love.

**Let us worship the God of creation.**

Christ is the giver of hope; Christ showed us the way to live in community and love.

**Let us share our faith with one another.**

The Spirit is the giver of strength; the Spirit provides us with the courage we need to face the future.

**Let us encourage one another as people who seek God's living truth.**

The Trinity expresses the unity of God.

**Let us seek communion with each other and with God who is One.**

**HYMN:** VU #324 Jesus, Come to Our Hearts

**OPENING PRAYER**

God the creator, we come, in awe of you. We are overwhelmed by the wonder of your creation; we are inspired by the mystery of life; we are amazed by the beauty of your world; we are astonished that such a God would have anything to do with the likes of us. So, we come before you, in awe and wonder, humbled before your greatness.

God the Son, who has come amongst us in the person of Jesus; you have walked our streets; you have lifted our children; you have sat in our churches. So we come, with you beside us, no longer remote and distant. We come, no longer in fear and trembling, but seeking the embrace of your love, the smile of your acceptance, the touch of your forgiveness. We dare to come close to you because you have come close to us.

God, the Spirit of Life, we are thankful for your constant presence; for the healing of your love; for the challenge of your Word; for the inspiration of your Gospel; for the community of your Church.

Renew us and refresh us; enable us and enliven us; challenge us and change us; prompt us and improve us ... in our worship ... in our mission ... and in our service in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and all to your Glory Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** (Romans 5 1-2,5)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**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:** (unison)

**Holy God, source of all goodness, you gave us Jesus so that we might truly live, you sent your Spirit so that we might truly love. By your gift of the scriptures may we truly learn your truth. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

**RESPONSIVE READING:** Psalm 8, VU# 732

**RESPONSE: *O God, our God, how glorious in your name in all the earth!***

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,**

**To quell the enemy and the avenger. R**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers;

The moon and stars you have set in their places,

**What are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,**

**Mere human beings that you should care for us? R.**

You have made us little less than divine,

And crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,**

**And have put all things under our feet,**

All sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,

**The birds of the air and the fish in the sea,**

**And all that make their way through the waters. R.**

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

## REFLECTION

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** MV #49 When We Seek Language

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (unison)

**Holy God, as we have celebrated ministry and hope, anoint us with visions of communities where the hungry are fed, the lonely are loved and where brokenness is healed by the gifts we offer in this moment. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN:** VU #315 Holy, Holy Holy

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee;  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which were, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

**CHORAL BLESSING:** MV #176 Three Things I Promise (v.1&6)

*Three things I promise, Holy God,  
in age and youth, in life and death:  
to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.*

*Revive and guide me, Living God,  
as day by day, until my death,  
I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
and listen for the Spirit's breath.*

## **POSTLUDE**

### **LIFE AND WORK OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**Rev. Kathy Vacation:** Rev. Kathy will be on vacation leave from tomorrow, May 31st until June 8th. If there is an emergency Rev. Miriam Bowlby is on call to cover. If there is an emergency please contact Andrea at the office 9-12pm, Mon-Fri or Doreen Cave at 834-5464 after hours.

#### **Men's Club Take Out Lobster Dinner - June 9th**

Wednesday, June 9 from 4-6pm. Meal will consist of three salads, roll and dessert. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Call the church office at 834-4567 to purchase tickets by June 5th. **Tickets will not be sold after June 5th.** Social distancing must be maintained during pick up.

#### **Finance/Fundraising Committee Meeting - Thursday, June 10**

The Finance/Fundraising committee will meet in the Sanctuary at 7pm on Thursday, June 10. Members are required to wear a mask while in the building and social distancing will be maintained.

#### **Spring Has Sprung Virtual Concert - Tickets Still Available Until June 4th!**

While the concert has debuted, you can still enjoy the show from the comfort of your own home! You can purchase tickets directly at <https://www.facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch> Or by contacting the church office at [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca) or 834-4567

#### **Give Through Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

Before the summer months, we would encourage members of the congregation to consider making monthly givings through PAR.

It is an easy and contact free way to support your church. Envelopes are still available for special occasions and givings.

Contact the office at 834-4567 or [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca) to set up your pre authorized givings. It is quick, easy and worry free!

#### **Shopper's Run for Women in Support of STELLA's CIRCLE**

Don't let the word "run" stop you! Walking is an option. This year the Run for Women is virtual. You can choose your own route and your own time to do the walk or run any time between **July 4 - 11**. \$35 of the registration fee goes directly to support the work of Stella's Circle with Women's Mental Health. Each participant receives a \$100 swag bag, t-shirt and a finisher's bracelet! Last year Stella's Tea Cups raised \$1,400. Let's see if we can do it again. If you want to join or have questions, email [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or go directly to <https://www.runforwomen.ca/Cities/StJohns.aspx> to register!

**If you or someone you know, would like to hear from Reverend Kathy, please contact the church office - Telephone: 834-4567 or 771-9779(cell) Email: [revkathy@topsailunited.ca](mailto:revkathy@topsailunited.ca)**