

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Fully accessible for people with physical disabilities

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"The Mission of Topsail United Church is:

- To offer to all the opportunity to come to know God as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- To grow in faith through worship, study and prayer;
- To care for each other and all of God's creation; and
- To encourage and empower each other to use our talents within the Church."

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| - Ministers: | The Congregation |
| - Clergy: | Rev. Bruce Kearley |
| - Congregational Designated Minister: | Steven Rogers |
| - Organist: | Nadine Hollett |
| - Choir: | Senior Choir & UCW |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |

February 24th, 2013
2nd in Lent

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! When you find yourself in a space such as Lent, where life seems thinner than usual and the journey more focused than normal, what do people of faith do to keep journeying on? In ancient times, rituals helped to remind the people of the promise, as yet unfulfilled, and gave reason to trust what seemed to be impossible. (Ecumenical prayer calendar: Germany, France.)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Kyrie Eleison"

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Loving God, our light our salvation,

All: whom shall we fear?

One: Loving God, our light our salvation,

All: stronghold of life.

One: Loving God, our light our salvation,

All: shelter in every trouble.

One: One thing we ask of our God,

All: that we may live in your house all the days of our lives.

One: Loving God, our light our salvation,

All: come and be home to us

CONGREGATION SINGS:

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (Responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

May we shape a space to meet you, O God, a space that plays with mystery, opens up justice, seeks peace, and binds us together as community.

May we make alive the journey of promise on the Lenten journey of promise, full of expectant hope that the going will come good.

May we travel through dust and ashes bread and wine water and hope to find you, the God who travels with us. Amen

HYMN: #660 "How Firm A Foundation"

GOD ACCEPTS US – A Lenten candle Liturgy
(each week a purple candle is extinguished)

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 15: 1-6, 17-18 (God seals the covenant with Abram & Sarai)

Psalm 27 (#754 – God is my light and salvation)

Luke 13: 31-35 (Jesus cries over Jerusalem as a hen over her chicks)

ANTHEM: "Sisters Let Us Walk Together"

SERMON: "Our refuge and Strength"

HYMN: #681 "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
Be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #663 "My Faith Looks Up To thee"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Kyrie Eleison"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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Parents
Bert & Violet Perry
by Nelson & Family