

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

“The Church by the Side of the Road”

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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: | Male Choir |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Roger Richards |
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February 10, 2013
Transfiguration Sunday

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! An increasing interest in Celtic theology has drawn attention to those experiences in life which seem to almost encourage the holy to touch, physically, the ordinary. The term “thin places” is used by many people to identify those times during which the ordinary world and the mystic world seem separated by only a thin veil. “Transfiguration,” “transformation,” and “metamorphosis”(from the Greek word for change of biological state) are also used to describe what happens in “thin places” as we seek the sacred. (**Ecumenical Prayer Calendar: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands.**)

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Arise, Your Light is to Come"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive – Seasons of the Spirit)

One: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

All: Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

One: On mountaintops, and in neighbourhoods, Christ calls to us.

All: **With a word, and with wonder, moulding us into who we are.**

One: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts,

All: **gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (Sing Twice)

Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son
Raising our hands (raising our hands)
In devotion to God who is one!

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

PRAYER OF APPROACH: (In Unison)

Through clouds of wonderment, of uncertainty, of anxiety, sometimes we hear your voice, O God, proclaiming the presence of Spirit in the midst of our day to day living. We pause and become mindful. We pause and listen to the voice within and around. We pause and worship the astounding glory of your presence. Amen.

HYMN: #357 "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus"

TALK TIME:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 34: 29-35 (Moses is radiant as he comes down the mountain.)

Psalm 99 (#819 – God rules and delights in justice)

Luke 9: 28-43 (Jesus is transfigured upon the mountain)

ANTHEM: "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

SERMON: " The Vision of Glory"

HYMN: #371 "Open My Eyes That I May See..."

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: (unison - Seasons of the Spirit)

God has invited us to this place, so as we offer our gifts may our faces
reflect our hopes, our hearts reflect our love, and our lives reflect the
calling we have received as God's people. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #264 "Immortal, Invisible ..."

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Arise, Your Light is to Come"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE: