

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.”

Ministers:	The Congregation
Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker:	Roger Richards
Youth Band Director:	Brett Vey,
Vocal Director:	Rosalind Foley
Children’s Choir Accompanist:	Andrea Deacy
Musical Ensembles:	Children’s Choir, Youth Band, Rhythm Band

January 20, 2013

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! *As we reflect upon the importance of human rights and social justice, we “sing of God’s good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted...” (Excerpt, A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada)*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)

One: Mahatma Gandhi said:

All: Be the change you want to see in the world.

One: Isocrates said:

All: The noblest form of worship is to make yourself as good and just as you can.

One: It is written in the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.,

All: Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander.

One: Now let us hear the cries of the silenced, bring justice to the oppressed, and work to heal the world.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE:

Today we light a special candle to remember those who have advocated, suffered, and died for the advancement and preservation of Human Rights and equality. Knowing the reconciling power of Christ's light, our hope is not only for ourselves, but for all humanity. We light this candle for those whose hope is faint at best; for those whose basic human rights are or have been denied. We light this candle for those in prisons; for those held by governments who deny them basic human dignity; for survivors of torture—emotional, spiritual, or physical; for those who compromise their consciences and humanity by humiliating and torturing; for those who have been beaten and cast out because of their race, culture, ability, orientation, religion, or gender; and for those who remain in the guilt of silence after truth has been spoken. Together we affirm:

CONGREGATION: The light of Christ is for you. We hold you, our suffering brothers and sisters, at the heart of our worship. Remind us through this candlelight, of our need and yours for peace with justice. God be with us all.
Amen.

INTROIT: "There is Room for All"

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

HYMN: #627 "Now There is no Male or Female"

TALK TIME

MUSICAL PRESENTATION: "From a Distance"

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

REFLECTION:

HYMN: [Insert] “We Shall Overcome”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Intercession: Holy God, hear our prayer...

Congregation: And in your love, answer.

ANTHEM: “Let the Children Come to Me”

OFFERTORY:

O Lord our gifts we now bring
To you our voices now sing
We ask your blessing in this holy place
Grant us the gift of your grace

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: [Insert] “Over My Head”

BENEDICTION:

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Today’s bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God and donated

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*In loving memory of our
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother
Leona Churchill
from Vivian, Chesley, Dallas, Cynthia, Arlene,
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren*

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