

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: | Beth Cranston |
| - Choir Director: | Andrew Cranston |
| - Choir: | Senior Choir & UCW |
| - Office Manager: | Lynn Mercer |
| - Caretaker: | Rogert Richards |

June 23rd, 2013

5th after Pentecost

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! A text by Blaise Pascal is often paraphrased as, "there is a God-shaped hole in each of us." Each of us has an emptiness, a longing, for something beyond us; that something is God. The form may differ from time to time and person to person, but the constant is that God does not abandon us. Through all the readings this week we are reminded that when we feel abandoned and alone we can share those feelings with God without fear of judgment. Perhaps there is no greater truth than this. (Ecumenical Prayer Calendar: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay.)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Rise Up, Rise Up"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive - Seasons of the Spirit)

One: God meets us and asks us, "What are you doing here?" How shall we answer?

All: **We come to learn.**

We come to pray. We come to praise.

We come to question.
We come in anger or grief.
We come in joy.
We come with certainty.
We come with fears and doubts.

One: God meets us here.
So here we gather.
Here we worship.
Here we ask, tell, listen, receive, offer, and celebrate.

All: That's what we shall do here.

One: Let us worship God.

CONGREGATION SINGS: (sing twice)

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

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

Holy One, it is so easy to feel outside: to feel like I don't belong.
I don't always know what to say. I don't always know how to act.
Thank you that you accept me as I am. Help me to open my ears
and my heart to hear what I need to hear today; to see what I
need to see today; to say what I need to say today.
Amen

HYMN: #365 "Jesus Loves Me"

TALK TIME

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalms 42-43 (Responsive - #768 VU – As a deer longs for the water)

1 Kings 19: 1-15 (Elijah hears God in the sound of silence. Adapted –
Seasons of the Spirit)

ANTHEM: "Deep In Our Hearts"

SERMON: "Sound of Sheer Silence"

HYMN: #658 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

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: (Seasons of the Spirit")

Gracious, giving God: your gifts of compassion and mercy are always ours, and we give you thanks for them. Now we offer gifts to you – gifts of time, talent, effort and treasure – gifts that are not flashy or perfect, but that, we pray, may reflect your compassion and mercy to this hurting world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: #651 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "God Our Protector"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

BULLETIN DEDICATION

*Today's bulletin has been dedicated to the glory of God and
donated*

*In loving memory of
parents
Charles & Amelia Barbour
&
James M. Bugden
by Len,
Eloise & family*

*In loving memory of
Bessie Andrews
by son Mervin, daughter Blanche & families*

