

# 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."

<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
<b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
<b>Congregational Designated Minister:</b>	<b>Steven Rogers</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Beth Cranston</b>
<b>Choir Director:</b>	<b>Andrew Cranston</b>
<b>Choir:</b>	<b>Senior Choir</b>
<b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
<b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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***October 6th, 2013***

***20<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost / Worldwide Communion Sunday***

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Today's readings focus on faith as gift and legacy. God's grace blossoms in community. If God's people hide, deny, or forget God's faithfulness, the community suffers. God calls God's people to remember their spiritual heritage. Remembering gives rise to thanks and praise, and inspires God's people to pass on the spiritual legacy they received, and spread the good news of God's steadfast love.

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "Gather Us In" (MV #7)

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

**One:** God's steadfast love never ceases. God's mercies never end.

**All:** **They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

**One:** My soul declares: "God is my portion, and so I will hope in God."

**All:** **God is good to all those who wait, to the ones who seek God.**

**One:** It is good to wait quietly for God's salvation. Let us worship God.

## CONGREGATION SINGS:

We are one as we come  
As we come, joyful to be here  
In the praise on our lips  
There's a sense that God is near  
We are one as we sing  
As we seek, we are found  
And we come needful of God's grace  
As we meet, together in this place

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

### PRAYER OF APPROACH:

(In Unison – “Seasons of the Spirit”)

Rekindle within us, God, the gifts of your spirit. Rekindle within us the faith of our ancestors. Rekindle within us the joy in serving you. Rekindle within us our faith in your mercy and love. Rekindle within us the gifts of your spirit. Amen.

**HYMN:** #409 "Morning Has Broken"

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

### SCRIPTURE READING:

Lamentations 3: 19-26 (Great is God's faithfulness.)

Psalms 137 (#858 - By the rivers of Babylon, we wept.)

Luke 17: 5-6 (Faith as a mustard seed.)

**SERMON:** "Everything to God in Prayer"

**ANTHEM:** "Like a River of Tears" (MV #98)

### **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:

(In unison – “Seasons of the Spirit”)

Holy One, may our hearts be attentive to your voice. Open our eyes to the needs of the world. Strengthen in us the mission and spirit of this faith community. Accept and use this offering towards furthering the reality of your realm on Earth, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**HYMN: #288** "Great is thy Faithfulness"

## **The Invitation**

**Confession:** (in unison)

O God, as music floods our souls, quiets our busy minds, and softens our hearts, we pause to remember that we are not all that we are called to be. We falter. We fail. We fall. We break faith with our best selves. We let ourselves and others down. **(A moment for silent prayer)**. Forgive us, gracious and loving God. Open our hearts and minds and souls to comprehend your goodness, to remember your amazing acts of liberation, and to trust in the future to which you call us. Amen.

## **Words of Assurance**

## **Prayers & Intercessions**

## **Blessing the Bread and Cup**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(The Bread is broken & The Cup is lifted)*

*(Communion is shared)*

**HYMN: #672** "Take Time To Be Holy"

## **COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Go Now In Peace" (#964)

## **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

### **TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

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*In loving memory*

*of Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather*

**Alexander Goulding**

*by wife Elsie,*

*son Alex (Jr.), daughters Linda, Karen, Kimberly & Loralyn*

*14 Grandchildren, 4 Great-Grandchildren*

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*In loving memory of*

**Pamela Jodi LeGrow**

*from Mom, Dad and sister Christine (Ryan)*