

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."

- Ministers:	The Congregation
- Clergy:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
- Guest Clergy:	Rev. Bill Williams
- Congregational Designated Minister:	Steven Rogers
- Organist:	Beth Cranston
- Choir Director:	Andrew Cranston
- Choir:	Mixed Choir
- Office Manager:	Lynn Mercer
- Caretaker:	Roger Richards

April 27th, 2014

2nd after Easter/Season of Creation - Oceans

SERVICE NOTE

WELCOME! We worship this Sunday with the oceans of the Earth, all designed by the Wisdom of God. We join the Psalmists and call the sea to roar with songs of praise. We sing with the swirling seas and celebrate with the wondrous creatures of the watery deep. With our Creator, we rejoice with whales, dolphins and other 'sea monsters.' With the Spirit we groan with species that are suffering from human acts of pollution.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "He Is Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We invite the oceans to worship with us.

All: **The deep sea currents and coral reefs, the mountain peaks on the ocean floor.**

One: We call surging seas to celebrate with us.

All: **The icebergs that break off from the South Pole, the calm waters that caress the equator.**

One: We join all ocean life in songs of praise.

All: Whales and dolphins dancing on the surface, and choirs of angel fish assembled below.

One: We summon the seashore to magnify the Lord.

All: The pelican, the stingray, the silver gull, the white caps and waves that splash in praise.

One: Oceans, seas and watery deeps,

All: Celebrate with all that lives within you, and roar in praise with us today.

One: Let us worship God!

CONGREGATION SINGS:

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

God, our Creator, as we gather in worship we reflect on the mysteries of the ocean depths, we celebrate the wondrous design of the seas around us. Teach us to sense the presence of God in the tides and currents of the surging seas. Teach us to care for the oceans and all our waterways. In the name of the Wisdom God, the creative force that designs and governs all creation. Amen.

HYMN: (VU 307) "Touch The Earth Lightly"

TALK TIME: Sharon Deemer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison – seasons of the Spirit)

O God, for times when we have viewed the Earth as a source of endless resources. Forgive. Earth's waters are polluted with toxins. Forgive. O God, for times when we have cared more about progress than Planet Earth. Forgive. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING:

Job 38: 1-18 (The Mysteries of Creation)

Psalm 104: (responsive - #827 – Part 2 VU A world created by wisdom)

Luke 5: 1-11 (Facing the Deep)

ANTHEM: "This Is God's Wondrous World"

SERMON: "God Whispers on the Water"

HYMN: (VU 563) "Jesus, You Have Come To The Lakeshore"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

OFFERTORY: VU #540)

Grant Us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living, we may offer faithfully.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (in unison)

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen.

CREATION PRAYER:

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth. Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation, cries for justice from the land, the seas and the skies. Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit in creation, groans for longing for a new creation. Jesus Christ, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin, songs of creation from the sea, the forest and the air. Christ, teach us to care. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

HYMN: "Songs of the Waters" (Printed in Bulletin)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MUSICAL POSTLUDE:

(Worship Resources taken from Season of Creation & Seasons of the Spirit)

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

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

*In loving memory of
parents*

Albert & Beryl Thistle

*from daughter Marguerite Hillyard & family
a gift has been received for the Cemetery Fund*

SONG OF THE WATERS

(Tune: "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven")

1. Watch once more the windswept storm clouds;
Suddenly the sky has wings!
God has come to rain among us,
Giving hope to all dry things.
Sing a song of splashing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.
2. Taste the moisture of the morning,
Smoother than the best red wine;
Toast the lifeblood of the planet:
Here's to God's wild wet design!
Sing a song of flowing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.
3. View anew the dark blue ocean,
Whales cavorting, spraying foam;
God at play with deep sea monsters,
Feeling very much at home.
Sing a song of laughing waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.
4. Feel the breath of God move softly,
Gentle mists that brush the skin;
Earth is breathing God's own spirit,
Life renewed from deep within.
Sing a song of living waters,
Pulsing through the veins of Earth.

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