

# 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."

- <b>Ministers:</b>	<b>The Congregation</b>
- <b>Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bruce Kearley</b>
- <b>Guest Clergy:</b>	<b>Rev. Bill Williams</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>Mixed Choir</b>
- <b>Office Manager:</b>	<b>Lynn Mercer</b>
- <b>Caretaker:</b>	<b>Roger Richards</b>

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*3<sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost/The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

## **SERVICE NOTE**

**WELCOME!** Many churches want to become welcoming communities. Some will boldly declare on a public sign that "all are welcome here," some have written "welcome" into their mission statements, and some will be intentional about offering words of welcome to first-time visitors. Jesus also talks about welcome in today's focus scripture; what does this mean for him and for us?

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

### **THE MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**INTROIT:** "God, Reveal Your Presence" (391 VU – v3)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsive)

One: Welcome to all who are weary, tired, or burned-out.

**All: We come to be refreshed and renewed in God's presence.**

One: Welcome to all who are anxious, worried, or burdened.

**All: We come to be calmed and comforted by the Spirit.**

One: Welcome to all who feel complacent, comfortable, or detached.

**All: We come to be stirred by Christ's message for us.**

One: All are welcome here. Come as you are.

**All: Together, we will rest in God's presence, be calmed by the Spirit, and be stirred by Christ's message. Together we will welcome one another as we gather for worship.**

One: Let us Worship God!

### **CONGREGATION SINGS:**

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
Things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

### **WORDS OF WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORK:**

#### **OPENING PRAYER:** (in unison)

Christ, you hold us in your warm embrace. You already welcome each of us exactly as we are, and you hold us close to you. Your embrace gathers all of us into a community that you have created. And yet, in your community, there is always room for more. You teach us to welcome one another. We are thankful that with you, each of us has a place, and each one of us can find a welcome home. Amen.

**HYMN: # 288** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Psalm 13 (#734 - How long will you forget me, God?)

Luke 19: 1-10

**ANTHEM:** "Pray for the People"

**SERMON:** "Peace To All"

**HYMN: #337** "Blessed Assurance"

### **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)

You welcome us, O God, with abundant grace. Your welcome comes in community and forgiveness, in creation's beauty and love's joy. So may we welcome others: through our relationships, in our forgiving and accepting forgiveness, in the joy of love's offering and receiving. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**HYMN:** #665 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour"

**COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** "Pray for the People"

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE:**

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

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

*In Loving memory of  
Mother & Mother-in-law*

**Alma Pye**  
*by Edna & Tom*

*In memory of*  
**Herman Humby,**  
**Catherine Button,**  
**&**  
**Christine Hickman**  
*From UCW & Coffee Group*

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